Queen Elizabeth wins lottery

Leminor (R) Ourantell fairth was dimine the Rin. beth in the first draw of Phi thing them performed from the Jenjas madelinies de le ministra it's Munches comments line futite the field mean in mill Liffixt's fitt but she will have bet affice is with the other Michigan be the street of the street of the street abilitie affe the fleching fine fills. hand frince flater and the thren Mother, a will like will cook and to the two estated life town: minicis *cic atturny ! ; william lin. testly when the mountains Diese, to the reflict of the pills there of the or comber drawn Landid overing The queen sal alone in Windsh Challe while they the him live in tolevenion looks and The lives a limited of long mettige e. Leufel fibl. Benediglich "Me estimated expenses when semicinally sing his but on existing the court with the tile

Diana documentary sells to 21 countries

LEMBERS (NP) Viele. Cision decimination highlighting the his or l'innege A Phartie and broadenst Naturday exeruns in British has been wid to be commen prostuces to make and Lonfidn't want to stop them." I skin Weekens Is some and Mindley The documentum. Diana Form of the Con-Care, Was haved in the Audi 28. thin Andrea M. done covert Aprilentia Change the You Talk and we or cross to that been store as Mr Mar. 17. with his is a work Digital Her True St. Pase ton WHITE OF STATE OF STATE

with depless. nerminales to from the firm are U.S. Impack act 155 and \$\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 10 P. 1 France, Herry A. 😘 Mind The few mains for several more in the dedecided to be

Ishrykia et ::

house house at

an frangh: w.

property to best to "

gagement. 3-11-11-11-1 make when they are the Marchite and a continue gigigen grinte in bereite Billion grant matterns of the same tengalik tushcat ta territora Her Mathew restors to the Landon Pine at the file of the contract fightigt fre engennen . Heimig

way her new her hard it is after hitting of the country of ANTENNEY OF THE WAY Also know Process But have the are the Particle States .

illegally detain anti-smoking elders my year. . S gade a none ्रात्रः स्वास्त्रास्त्रः

Agrantication

Carrier Was 15

take past or

He seem to

Jetra . - , , . .

Manager 1 1 1

Mark Table

the first and the

Tarrent de Arministra

31421. 6722. 30

for make !!

2 3 81 -----

Anane:

San Carlotte Bloom St. Co.

Sport Care a

Total Paris

Pittering Af.

Figur March Colonia

flampark street in the

Chinese police

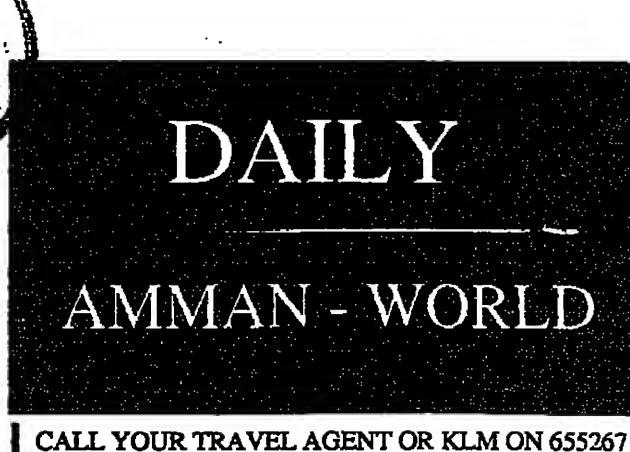
agreement reached in u isst June. March & Co.

LBOURNE (R) - For-I U.S. President George in said on Tuesday history show the United States correct in not trying to Iraqi President Saddam sem during the Gulf war 1991. Mr. Bush said the i-led forces had been aufised by the United Naonly to drive Iraq out of Fait, a mission it faifilled fer international law. tat was the role. It wasn't all him. It wasn't to go in be an occupying power in hdad," he told a lunon audience in Melme. The liberating forces powerful it would

Algerian parties urge end to killing

ROME (R) — Senior Algerian opposition figures on Tuesday joined forces to urge an end to the violence that has killed thousands of people since the army cancelled elections and took power in the country in 1992. Speaking at the end of a two-day gabering to discuss the crisis that has killed up to 30,000 people, they demanded the outlawed fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) be included in the political process. Former Algerian president Ahmad Ben Bella called on the government to end the violence he says has pushed the country to the brink of civil war by freeing political prisoners and closing the special tribunals that judge them. Both sides will have to take steps to calm the singuion. But the government has to act first," Mr. Ben Bella said, elt must free political prisoners and accept the FIS as a political force, added Mr. Ben Bella, Algeria's first president after it won independence from France in 1962. Once that is done, then the FIS and other opposition forces can be called on to make concessions," he added.





Number 5775

AMMAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1994, JUMADA ALTHANIA 19, 1415

Price: Jordan 150 Fils

The Reliable Airline KLM

Israeli, Saudi officials hold first

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel Radio Tuesday he had held talks in the United States with a Saudi diplomat in the first such encounter between the two countries. Mr. Beilin said he had met the unnamed Washington-based diplomat at a gathering of Arab businessmen and diplomats in Aspen, Colorado. "It was the first meeting between an machi official and a Saudi diplomat," he said. "We mainly discussed the possibilby of building an Israeli-Palestinian industrial estate a Erez," on the border be-Israel and the self-rule Strip, he told the radio is an interview from Aspen.

This meeting signifies a hange in approach for Saudi Arabia, a key country which ets the tone for the Gulf region." he said. He added:
If Gulf states have recently yearn contacts with Israel, it because Saudi Arabia

Army blows up comber's house

JALQILYAH (AFP) he Israeli army late Monday lew up the house of the lalestinian suicide bomber the killed 22 people in an ttack on a bus in Tel Aviv st month, military officials nd. The house belonging to he family of Salah Abdul lahim Survey, 27, was desnoved after the supreme ourt on Thursday threw out n appeal by his relatives. howey classes are Oct. 19 in a ideo be set behind after the last. Nine people lived in e three comed house and e army imposed a curfew Quiquiyah to prevent deonstrations or clashes with * Palestinian population.

gal cancelled after **fult to Arafat**

IRIS (AFP) — Palestinian Mer Yasser Arafat has caniled a water contract with a Each firm after its presimt, Jerome Monod, remedly called him a "sick m on drugs," Mr. Arafat's promic advisor Gabriel hon announced here on esday. Mr. Monod, presiat of the water giant maisek des Eaux, refiedly said: "To gain Araagreement for water infication on the Gaza rip, I waited for 15 hours, in I was driven through the reets of Tunis at 150 ometres per hour, to be bught before a sick man on who took me in his ms and kissed me on the with." Mr. Monod's reits were reported Satur-L by the centre-left daily beration. The remarks re made at a press lunch. Monod signed the 30 franc (\$6 million) pact on behalf of Lyonpubsidiary Degremont. Banon said: "Yasser Fat, president of the tatinian Authority, has

m instructions to cancel contracts between the estiman Authority and the panies of the Lyonaise Eaux group chaired by Jerome Monod." The tract was signed under a nco-Palestinian bilateral

ish defends cision

if a state of the 20 would have would bettered the 20 would the state of the 30-nation

Arafat seeks to regain lead as Hamas calls rally

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat moved Tuesday to regain the initiative in Gaza from Islamic militant rivals who have called a rally for the end of the week.

Mr. Arafat's Fatch faction set up groups to keep track of events across the Gaza Strip, where 16 people died in clashes between Hamas supporters and his Palestinian National Authority's (PNA) police on Friday.

The Fatch monitoring committees were to "act in coordination with the higher leadership to provide it with a clear picture of events" across the Strip, senior Fateh official Diab Al Loh said.

Mr. Arafat has also spoken of the security role to be played by his Fatch faction's armed wing the Hawks, most of whose 200 members joined the 9,000-strong Palestinian police formed after the peace deal with Israel.

For the first time since the launching of Palestinian selfrule, scores of Fateh Hawks turned up with weapons at a huge demonstration Monday in support of Mr. Arafat.

The Hawks fired into the

air as the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader called on them to ensure security and stability. Mr. Loh insisted Fateh was

not planning to form a sepa-

port for continued aid to

Israel and potential deploy-

ment of U.S. troops on the

Seeking backing from

other leavers of the

Republican-led Congress that

will be seated in January,

Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin was making the rounds

on Capitol Hill. He also was

meeting with Defence Secret-

ary William-Perry, Housing

Secretary Henry Cisneros

and other Clinton administra-

tion officials on a two-day

Clinton assured Mr. Rabin he

would ask Congress to keep

U.S. aid at the \$3-billion-a-

year level and to approve

new money for an anti-

missile defence system (see

Afterwards, a senior U.S.

official said \$200 million to

\$250 million in previously

pledged to the Palestinians in

Gaza would be delivered by

the end of the year. The

official, who briefed repor-

ters on condition of anonym-

ity, said other governments

would be urged at a meeting

Nov. 29 in Brussels, Belgium,

to speed delivery of their

pledges of about \$125 mil-

On Monday, President Bill

Golan Heights.

visit herc.

page 12).

rate militia. "Since the start of autonomy, the Hawks have not carried weapons until yesterday," he said. "We are against the presence of a mili-

tia, and we are moving towards peace now. "But if some people use force against the police and innocent people, Fatch and the Hawks cannot just re-

main idle." Mr. Arafat had said in his speech at the rally that "I tell our Fatch Hawks we are all for democracy. But we are for the security and stability of our nation.

The Hawks also scrawled graffiti on Gaza City walls, over older slogans from their rivals in Hamas.

"Fatch Hawks and the Palestinian police are the shield of the Palestinian Authority," said one in shiny golden letters. Hamas, which is opposed

to autonomy and demanded that the PLO leader take the blame for Friday's bloodshed, called on its supporters to come out in strength at a rally on Friday. The demonstration is to be

held in memory of a Hamas military chief, Imad Akel, who was killed a year ago by Israeli undercover soldiers, but falls one week after 15 demonstrators were killed in battles with Mr. Arafat's

Dole offers Israel support

Senate Republican leader Mr. Rabin's meeting with

on aid, U.S. troops on Golan

Robert Dole is offering sup- Mr. Perry followed the public public and Congress for de-

pledge by Mr. Clinton to

bolster Israel's security with

"We are going to have a

very robust security rela-

tionship," Mr. Clinton said

after an 80-minute meeting in

the oval office that centered

on lagging peace talks be-

That view was echoed by

Mr. Dole, who will become

Senate majority leader. "I

would hope and I would

guess that at this time of great

tension in the Middle East

where we're trying to achieve

peace there wouldn't be any

effort to reduce the level of

aid," he said at a meeting

inclined to 'work with the

president and the prime

minster" on deploying Amer-

ican troops on the Golan

Heights as part of an interna-

Since an agreement is

bound to involve an Israeli

withdrwal from the strategic

border area, Mr. Clinton

went out of his way at a joint

news conference with Mr.

Rabin to emphasise the Un-

ited States intended "to stand

behind Israel and its secur-

tional force.

Mr. Dole said he would be

Monday with Mr. Rabin.

tween Israel and Syria.

new technology.

policemen, one of whom also

A Hamas official also slammed the pro-Arafat demonstration, saying: "Organising this rally at a time of continued efforts to defuse tension, and the heavy shooting in the air by Palestinian police and Fateh cadres is a disgusting show of force which prompted our people's dismay and fury.

Gaza police chief Ghazi Jabali suggested Tuesday the Hawks would be sent out against Islamic militants in the future.

It's a message to everybody who is trying to corner the authority that if they want to play the game of gangs, we will do the same," Mr. Jabali told the Associated Press.

He apparently was responding to threats by Hamas' armed Izzedine Al Qassam brigades to attack PLO officials if policemen involved in Friday's shooting were not punished.

Praising the Hawks, Mr. Jabali said: "These guys were here before Hamas. These are the fighters of the revolution ... and they went out yesterday to say. 'We are ready to help the police and Arafat, we are ready to protect what has been achieved'."

(Continued on page 3)

He said he was prepared to

make a case to the American

ploying American troops as

part of an international force

But, Mr. Clinton said,

"there has been no agree-

ment of any kind about this.

We are jumping the gun here

Despite Mr. Dole's reas-

surances, keeping aid to

Israel at the \$3-billion-a-year

level could run into resistance

as Republicans, who take a

sceptical view of foreign out-

lays, assume control of who

take a sceptical view of fore-

ign outlays, assume control of

Congress. Sending American

troops to the Golan Heights

also is bound to conflict with

sentiment against overseas

Israel receives the largest

share of U.S. aid and could

be hurt by any general reduc-

tion. Even if it is not the

specific target of critics of

involvements.

foreign aid.

to monitor an accord.

on this part of it."

King awards medals and gifts to peace negotiators of his life searching for AMMAN (Petra) — His appreciation and that of the Majesty King Hussein on delegation and committee to achieve it." members for the great hon-Tuesday awarded medals

A Palestinian Islamist covers his face during a Hamas rally

in Gaza City Tuesday with pictures of suicide bomber

Hisham Hamad, who killed three Israelis. The Israeli army

and royal gifts to chief Jordanian negotiator Fayez Tarawneh and members of the Jordanian delegation and the negotiations committees in appreciation of their efforts during the Jordanian-Israeli peace

Dr. Tarawneh and members of the delegation thanked King Hussein for his gesture and pledged to remain his "faithful, dedicated and loyal soldiers.

In a cable to the King, Dr. Tarawneh voiced his our King Hussein bestowed on them.

Dr. Tarawneh said: "Had it not been for the King's wise leadership vision and resolve to establish peace, this achievement would not have been made."

He thanked the King for "the peace gift which he gave to the Jordanian people and the future generations on Oct. 26.

He said, King Hussein has spent the greatest part peace and doing his utmost

Dr. Tarawneh praised the efforts made by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and his directives to the delegation members.

"Prince Hassan has given us the right advice and the moral support," he said. On Monday, King Hussein hosted a lunch at the Basman Palace to honour head and members of the Jordanian delegation and various committees to the peace

Jordan, Israel plan strategy for joint projects

Tuesday destroyed the house of another suicide bomber in

the West Bank town of Qalqilyah (AFP photo)

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordanian and Israeli officials on Tuesday held talks at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) on how to prepare the ground for discussions on the development of the Jordan Rift Valley as provided for under the Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

The officials from the two sides formed a steering committee which will tackle joint

(Continued on page 3)

Muasher tipped to be Jordan's first ambassador to Israel By Nermeen Murad

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — The Jordanian leadership has chosen Marwan Muasher, who acted as the country's spokesman during Middle East peace negotiations with Israel, as the Kingdom's first ambassador to Tel Aviv, sources said on Tuesday.

Although the appointment is yet to be formalised and announced officially, government sources confirmed that Dr. Muasher was selected to head the first diplomatic mission to Israel. Dr. Muasher would not confirm or deny

the news of the appointment. The Arrow anti-missile de-According to the fence programme is likely to Jordanian-Israeli peace treaneed new U.S. help as it ty signed on Oct. 26, the two moves from research and decountries would establish divelopment to deployment. It plomatic relations on Nov. 29 is a joint programme to proand open their first embassies tect Israel with a missile that in Amman and Tel Aviv on shoots down incoming mis-Dec. 10.

Jordan is the second Arab

country to establish diplomatic relations with Israel after Egypt, which reached a peace treaty with Tel Aviv in 1979.

An Israeli delegation was in Amman last week to work out the details involved in the establishing of new ties and reportedly chose a site for the Israeli embassy here. Unconfirmed reports maintain that the Israeks had chosen a temporary base at a building in Jabal Amman, between the Second and Third Circles, until a permanent chancery is built most likely in Abdoun.

expected to travel to Tel Aviv soon also to discuss its plans for establishing an embassy in that city including choosing a site for the chancery there. Dr. Muasher, 38, has had several political assignments,

A Jordanian delegation is

during which he had direct contact with Israeli officials and politicians, including that of spokesman and negotiator, since Middle East peace talks were launched in Madrid in Oct. 1991.

A Jordanian official, who confirmed the appointment, told the Jordan Times that Dr. Muasher was chosen by His Majesty King Hussein from a list of candidates for the post "because of his success at earlier assignment and especially as spokesman." According to the official.

Dr. Muasher's talents as promising politician and a born diplomat" as well as his proven record at articulating the Jordanian position when serving as spokesman have been instrumental in his choice as ambassador. The official said that Dr.

Muasher's firsthand experience with the developments in negotiations between Israel and Jordan during the past three years "also means that he has background to deal with all the follow-up



Marwan Muasher

work" in the implementation stage of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

Dr. Muasher had also served as director of the Jordan Information Bureau (JIB) in Washington D.C. until February this year and was credited as being the driving force behind the currently high political profile of the office especially in improving the Kingdom's image

(Continued on page 3)

By turning to Fateh, Arafat seen to raise stakes in Gaza

By Lamis K. Andoni

PALESTINE National Authority (PNA) Chairman Yasser Arafat has succeeded to assert his control over Gaza in the aftermath of last Friday's bloodshed, but his muscle flexing has sharpened divisions among the Palestinian people.

Even if a reconciliation agreement is reached between the PNA and the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, seeds of perpetual friction have been planted as the Gaza Strip is sharply polarised between

Hamas and Fatch. Mr. Arafat's critics argue that he is trying to weaken the apposition to the Israeli-Palestinian agreements and the PNA's shortcomings, by portraying its agenda as one aimed at winning its power struggle with Fatch.

There is now concern in Gaza that the PNA will

political expressions of protests and that Mr. Arafat will depend on Fateh activists to enforce his orders.

step up its restrictions of

Gazan personalities, who have been trying to contain the crisis, are particularly alarmed by the continuing escalation of incitement between Hamas and Fatch, which Mr. Arafat has successfully mobilised to counter the opposition.

"It is boiling down to a showdown between Fateh and Hamas, and both Arafat and Hamas leaders are responsible," said a respected Gazan.

In one of its leaflet Fatch called on its members and supporters to stay on constant alert, armed and guard the PNA buildings in a language that amounts to waging a war against Hamas which has also been using the same combat rhetoric in its leaflets.

Fateh and Hamas leaders

meanwhile continue to exchange accusations about who was responsible for Friday's violence at the Palestine Mosque in Gaza.

The recently whitewashed walls of Gaza are now splashed with Hamas and Fateh graffti vowing vengeance. Fatch slogans are signed by deliberately intimidating new name, "Majanin Fatch," (Fatch madmen), while Hamas slogans are signed by its armed wing, Izzeddin Al Qassam.

Independent personalities in Gaza are particularly critical of the way that Mr. Arafat used local Fatch leaders to organise a huge rally on Monday, that has reinforced an already widespread perception that the PNA is monopolised by

Fatch. "Why is Arafat doing this? Is he trying to assert himself as the leader of one faction and not all the Palestinian people?" asked

one personality who has been involved in mediation Fateh organisations in

the West Bank and the Gaza Strip that seemed to be splintered before the clashes swiftly united to side by the PNA.

ANALYSIS

As a result, any future friction could trigger an allout confrontation between Fateh and Hamas supporters, with the PNA police and security siding with the former, political activists in Gaza and the West Bank wam.

Local political leaders in the West Bank and Gaza, contacted by the Jordan Times said they were extremely worried how Mr. Arafat was able to transform the political differences over the peace accords into a deadly power struggle between Hamas and Fateh.

Fateh leaflets accused Hamas and Islamic Jihad of staging a conspiracy to undermine and control the PNA. But, according to eyewit-

nesses, Palestinian police

had controlled the rooftops surrounding the mosque on Friday and immediately tried to stop the demonstration by confiscating loud-speakers. Other groups, such as the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), were taking part in the protest march to call on the PNA to release Islamic

activists. The police intervention, sparked riots that spread to other parts of Gaza and protesters surrounded Mr. Arafat's beachfront headquarters and other PNA buildings.

Fateh leaflets say that protesters tried to attack other PNA building and even broke down the front fence of Mr. Arafat's headquarters — known as Al Saraya — and insist that is was premeditated action.

Hamas of killing eight Fateh activists during the riots inside and outside the mosque. Three Palestinian personalities who were contacted

The leaflets accused

by the Jordan Times and who have visited at least 12 houses of the families of the victims said that none of the relatives have charged Hamas. "The families are blaming the police and Arafat

personally," said a local Palestinian leader in Gaza. So far Fateh's claims have not been proved, especially that the funerals were predominantly attended by Hamas, Islamic Jihad supporters and

other opposition groups.

Prominent Palestinian leader Haidar Abdul Shafi had to intercede with Arafat personally Friday night to ensure that Palestinian. police and security remained in their posts to prevent clashes with the mourners on Saturday.

But independent observers are also blaming Hamas for stepping up the personal attacks against Mr. Arafat and Fateh. "It is a power struggle of who dominates Gaza at the expense of national unity and the struggle against the Israeli occupation," said one observer.

Local Fatch leaders in Gaza said that they view Hamas' threat as a direct challenge to Fateh's influence. "We are going to show them their real size," said one Fatch activist. Mr. Arafat turned to

(Continued on page 3)



CHESS TIME: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein and the president of the Jordanian Chess Federation, Tuesday hosts a lunch in honour of participants in the Arab Chess Tournament which concluded earlier in Irbid. Fourteen

Arab countries participated in the championship. The lunch was attended by Youth Minister Fawwaz Abul Ghanam and Yarmouk University President Marwan Kamal (Petra photo)

Gaza clash 'weakened' Islamic moderates

GAZA (R) — The recent inter-Palestinian fighting in Gaza has weakened Islamic moderates who had been drawing popular support away from militants opposed to dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Palestinian officials said on Monday.

sin-

Al

Isr.

sot

thi

tio:

ari

ent

to.

cai

al

"The militants won this round of the game, but it won't last," said Ahmad Nasser, an official in PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fateh factin.

Islamists said the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements made up of independent political and military wings, included officials who had pushed for moderation and pragmatism in dealings with Mr. Arafat.

The Islamists said voices of moderation had been winning some grassroots support after Israel's transfer of Gaza

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — A

hitherto unknown group of

"religious students" is upset-

ting the traditional balance of

power in southern Afghanis-

tan and is fast garnering sup-

port among the war-weary

look to Pakistan for political

inspiration, took control of

the former royal capital of

Kandahar after ousting the long-standing commanders

The group then began

advancing towards Helmand,

a thriving opium production

area, and to Zabul province

further to the north, accord-

ing to several Afghan and

of factional fighting between

local commanders, has wel-

comed the new group which

nobody had heard of just one

Diplomatic sources say the

Talibs number about 2.000

The Afghan people, tired

diplomatic sources.

The Talibs, who appear to

population of the area.

and the West bank enclave of Jericho to Palestinian selfrule last May.

But the deaths of 16 people in clashes on Friday between Palestinian police and protesters, mainly Hamas supporters, weakened moderates and re-ignited militancy within the groups, the Islamists

Sayed Abu Musameh, a leading Hamas figure in Gaza, said: "Now is not the time to talkk about a dialogue with Arafat's Palestinian self-rule authority."

"No doubt behaviour on Friday increased tensions among the youths in the Islamic movement, and among people," he said, but added: The movement's policy is not to reach a civil war.

Leaders of the Islamic opposition, headed by Hamas, denied reports they

funded, and with a declared

goal of rescuing the region

from the anarchy which fol-

lowed the collapse of the

communist government in

The group has launched a

had agreed to enter a 20strong fact-finding mission the Palestinian Authority is setting up to investigate the

"What we fear is that things will get out of hand. Until now we have no agreement and we are not responsible if something happens," said Imad Al Falluji, a Hamas leader.

"It is difficult to ask people to put behind suffering of 27 years of (Israeli) occupation," said Ala Al Saftawi, a leading figure in the Islamic

"When the authority arrived, they were prepared to forget — they hoped things would change. But people reacted to the authority on Friday as they did with occupation armies," Mr. Saftawi said.

PLO official Tayeb Abdul Palestinian fighting." Mystery students upset Afghan political balance

assault rifles are the envoy of

the tattered mujahadeen

fighters, have studied at spe-

cial Koranic schools in Pakis-

tan, the diplomats and

Some of the Talibs may

Rich Iranian charity may come under probe

NICOSIA (AP) — The Iranian parliament is gathering evidence for a possible investigation into the operations of a rich foundation, which has been acting more as an investment empire than a charity for the poor, Tehran press reports said.

The Islamic Republic News Agency quoted the daily newspaper Salaam as saying parliament was still compiling complaints of mismanagement and corruption made against the Bonyad Mostazafan Va Janbazan.

The charity, whose name in Farsi means foundation for the disabled and the deprived, is charged with caring for the poor and war veteans disabled in the 1980-88 conflict with Iraq.

Bonyad Mostazafan has been blamed for causing many of the distortions in Iran's faltering economy.

Answerable to no one but Iran's spiritual leader, it has for more than a decade operated with impunity. It has been allowed to keep

money-losing enterprises running, passing losses on to the government, which had to foot huge subsidy bills for raw materials imported from abroad.

In the past, it also made a killing by buying subsidised hard currency, importing goods, and selling them at inflated prices. It pocketed the profits, and the government was left with the subsidy bills. But in the bleak economic

climate now descending on the country. Bonyad Mostazafan's activities may be coming under closer scrutiny amid government fears that worsening conditions could unleash social unrest.

President Hashemi Rafsanjani has announced a war on inflation, unofficially estimated to be running at 60 per cent, and has thretened profiteers with heavy fines and jail sentences.

After the 1979 Islamic revolution, the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had the wealth of the deposed monarchy and its cronies confiscated and given to the Bonyad Mostazafan. But the organisation has since been enriching itself further by continuing to confiscate private properties and assets on various pretexts.

In the courts, no one dared stand up to the foundation, whose possessions include everything from the old Coca-Cola bottling plant to a string of luxury hotels and even property on New York's Fifth Avenue.

Its managing director, Moshen Rafigdoust, is a high-school graduate who rose to prominence as Ayatollah Khomeini's driver. He now controls a \$4 billion empire which owns some 1,200 companies, and is brother-in-law of President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani.

Before being appointed head of Bonyad Mostazafan in 1989, Mr. Rafigdoust was minister of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. He was accused of corruption and embezzlement after the disappearance of tens of millions of dollars meant for arms purchases during the war with Iraq.



An Egyptian lady wearing an 'Islamic bathing Sheikh, some 500 kilometres souther suit' comes out of the water as a tourist gets Cairo (AFP photo)

ready to dive into the Red Sea in Sharm Al Warning labels on mini-skirts in Egyd

CAIRO (AFP) — Some Egyptian shops have begun selling clothing and jewellery with warnings to ensure customers wear them without offending Islamic traditions of modesty.

"These clothes are only to be worn at home and should in no case be worn to go out in," declared a label attached to mini-skirts and other clothes made in stretch fabrics on sale in a Cairo shop.

The garments were sold in unmarked plastic coverings to conceal the identity of the manufacturer and the trader said he had bought them from a sales-rep. It is a sign of the increasing

influence of Islam on the daily life of Egyptians. already demonstrated by the growing number of women and girls wearing the veil. "This 'advice' has a stronger impact than an open

warning from a sheikh or other religious leader," Egyptian sociologist Samiha Hassan told AFP.

"Since the author's identity is not known, it creates an atmosphere of fear as you don't know where the punishment will come from. Whether it will be in the corner of a dark alley where a bearded man is hiding, or whether it will be divine

punishment," she added.

street Kasr Al Nil who has sold trinkets for the past 40 years, has hung up a similar warning in recent months. "I am not responsible for

A trader in the city's main

any woman adorning herself with such finery to attract the attention of a man other than her husband," says a poster he has stuck in his shop window displaying a tantalising array of jewels with which to adorn the veil.

of the "Islamic swimsuit," although still rare in smart clubs or beaches, has created a sensation at some resorts. An all-in-one made in lycra, the suit moulds to its wearer showing off every curve or roll of flesh.

Meanwhile the emergency

To top it off the swimmer is crowned with a veil attached to her bathing cap.

Even on the catwalks. models show off the latest minis and skin-tight fashions accompanied by a commentary from the presenter warning "of course this style does not fit in with our eastern traditions."

Sportsmen rarely wear shorts during competitions,

preferring instead to cover up Egyptian basketball cham-

pion Medhat Warda defied

competition rules to wear

shorts which covered knees during an interest match in Cairo at the 1990. He triumphantly hi in

Hr. 1

ads 46

15148

{hue:

Coa

lean

Trac

Teach

65571

AC WATE

auc. *

SETTING.

Ringle

dished a copy of the Koran, when Egypt we championship. "If ke lost, it would have be slap in the face to commented the author Foda. Foda, an outspokent

of the growing influent Islam on daily life, to nounced as a plasphene murdered by memberia outlawed Al Gamaa Al miyah in June 1992.

Earlier this mon woman refused to ship hand of President's Mubarak when he inspect the chaos cand floods in southerni saying she would not the hand of any mage her husband.

On Friday during [question and answer? with a sheikh, one wanted to know if indecent to sit down chair still warm from vious male occupant.

Gamaa have been 💆 since March 1992 Mr. Mubarak's golden in a campaign which be far cost 500 lives.

Muslim militants ledb

and are ideologically motiwell armed and

month ago.

The Guardian

A FILM based on the biblical figure Joseph is the latest focus of the battle between secular intellectuals and conservative Muslims in Egypt. Egypt's highest Islamic in-

stitution, Al Azhar, has de-

clared that the film. Al

Muhaier (The Emigrant).

must be withdrawn from

cinemas because of its "anti-Islamic" depiction of the prophet Joseph. or Yussef. The director of the film Yussef Shahine, is being sued

Islamists sue director of Egyptian film about Joseph by a lawyer, Mahmoud Abou al-Faid, who argues that the film defames Egypt because it gives the impression of Jewish supremacy over the

bloody civil war raging be-

tween rival Afghan factions,

7,000 lives in the capital

of Afghanistan.

"The film is Zionist." said Mr. al-Faid, "and Yussef Shahine is a Zionist." Mr. Shahine expresses sur-

prise at the criticism. "I am against Israel. They ask me to visit there but I never go. How can there be peace while they dominate us with their nuclear weapons?" he

The film, which is drawing

Armenian Catholic Church Tel.

Armenian Orthodox Church Tel.

St. Ephraim Church Tcl. 771751.

Amman International Church Tel.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel:

German-speaking Evangelical Con-

The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-Day Saints Tel. 654432

Church of Nazarene Tel.675691.

The Evangelical Local Church in

WEATHER

gregation Tel: 684195

programme to spread Islam come from the Pashtun to regions under their conethnic minority in Pakistan, trol, a move which could and cannot be told apart from potentially lead them into direct conflict with Akhund-

analysts said.

the Afghan Pashtuns, the sources claim. Rumours of Pakistani inzadah Ghafar, a major drug baron who rules Helmand. fluence in the area have be-Diplomats and analysts say come so persistent that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in there is little doubt that the

students have Pakistan's Islamabad strongly denied backing, despite the fact that any Pakistani military in-Islamabad maintains it has no volvement in the clashes intention of becoming inwhich led to the Talibs taking volved in the internal affairs Kandahar. Whatever the truth, one Pakistan has repeatedly declared itself neutral in the

certainty is that the Talibs and Pakistanis both have the same vested interests in seeing peace come to southwhich has claimed more than ern Afghanistan.

Without stability in the re-Kabul since the start of the gion, Islamabad's declared goal of opening up a trading route to central Asia via Kan-Many of the Talibs, whose brand-new Kalashnikov dahar and Herat, cannot be achieved.

The sudden emergence of the Talibs also coincides with a renewal of Pakistani activity in southern Afghanistan, including the despatch of a medical supply convoy from Quetta, Pakistan, to Turkmenistan in Central Asia.

Rahim told Reuters that Isla-

mic pragmatists were margi-

nalised after the clashes and

"hardliners succeeded in win-

"We recently had a dia-

logue with Hamas moder-

ates, but hardliners sought

escalation of tension between

Hamas and the authority

when they felt they were los-

ing influence on grassroots to

moderates." Mr. Abdul

Sources close to Hamas

said its activists were talking

about revenge for Friday's

deaths and a hit list of mem-

bers of the Palestinian police

But one Islamic leader,

Hamed Al Bitawi, said the

bloodshed should spur those

in favour of a dialogue with

the authority to "push harder

in order to end inter-

and administration.

Rahim said.

ning over grassroots."

The convoy, comprised to 30 trucks and was under the command of a Pakistani secret service colonel, was stopped by two local factional commanders and the drivers arrested, only to be freed later by the Talibs.

But, if indeed Pakistan does support the Talib student movement, it is still unclear what control Islamabad has over it.

One Talib leader, Haji Ghous, said Pakistan should deal with the Afghans as equais.

"If the Talibs achieve credibility in Afghanistan, they will quickly understand that it is not in their interest to be a Pakistani puppet," a diplo-

VAN, Turkey (R) — Turkish Islamic party leader Necmettin Ebrakan, whose Refah Party leads the government in opinion polls, told Kurdish audiences Monday he would "save the world from European infidels" once in power.

The charismatic leader of the right-wing Refah or Islamic Prosperity Party has been visiting Kurdish regions in east and south-east Turkey since Nov. 18, as part of a campaign for parliamentary by-elections that were to have been held next month.

The supreme court last week forced a postponement amid opposition complaints of gerrymandering.

Billed as "the hope of all Muslims" and "the leader the world is waiting for," Mr. Erbakan told Kurds to defend their land from imperial-

Sixty-eight-year-old Erbakan hailed the thousands of Kurds present as "descendants of Saladdin," the Kurdish sultan who expelled Christian crusaders. He told them to overthrow

the "system of slavery iniposed by the imitators of the West, the enemy of Islam" and to free Jerusalem, Bosnia and Azerbaijan. in marked contrast to the the conciliatory and reassuring tone he adopted on a visit to the United States in October.

Mr. Erbakan said the "Western poiltical system in Turkey was in a state of collapse, and criticised its evisaged membership of the European Union (EU) as a divorce from the Islamic World and integration in to that of the "infidels."

Criticising Turkey's siphoning of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which affects Syria and Iraq. Mr. Ebrakan said "Prime Minister Tansu Ciller is depriving our Muslim neighbours of water and giving it to Israel at America's request."

Mr. Erbakan's tour was planned before the postpone-

Islamic leader spurs Kurds to hate West ment of Dec. 3 by-elect

in 22 parliamentarty of which lie in Kurdish In March's municipal tions Refah took 23 only town councils, among Istanbul and Ankara, cluding 12 of the 18 km

strongholds. With 20 per cent of vote, it came in many behind the two other right-wing parties. opposition Motherland and Ms. Ciller's True Party, which leads the

right-left coalition. According to recent? published in the presse kg is the most popular part Turkey, with 22.8 per ahead of the Motheriand ty with 15.9 per cent and True Path Party with 14-19

Speaking in Animal kish President Suleyman mirel said Monday in "widening Europe avoidable and we think include Turkey too."

JORDAN TELEVISION Tel: 77.1111-19

PROGR/	AMME TWO
17:00	Tar-Tur
17:30	Les Tresors Du Mond
19:00	News in French
19:45	E=M
19:30	Coac
20:30	Quantum Lea
	Snewy Rive
22:00	News in English
32:20	Poldari
	Coming of Age

DDAVED TIMES

	*KA1	EK ILMES
1	04:45	Fair
1	th:05	Fajr (Sunrise) Duha
	11:22	Dhuhr
	16:38	Maghreb
	17:50	Maghreb
-		

CHURCHES

Mary of Natareth Church seemblies of God Church. Tel. Joseph Church Tel. 624590. with of the Annunciation Tel.

Bulletin supplied by the Departghreb ment of Meteorology. Temperatures will drop signifi-

Amman

Tcl. X11295

cantly with rainfall expected in all parts of the Kingdom. Skies will be partly cloudy and winds southwesterly moderate to active. In Aqaba, skies will be partly cloudy In cloudy with a chance of showers. Winds will be southerly active and was rough.

Min/Max. temp. Amman 7/1] Jordan Valley 1218

huge crowds, is seen as another opportunity for conservative Muslims to attack secular opponents through the courts.

In August, a group of lawyers, led by Yussef al-Badri, sued several Cairo cinemas for displaying film posters featuring scantilyclad women.

Opposition newspapers. headed by the Islamist Al Shaab, have called on the courts to rule against the film, whose story bears more than a passing resemblance to that of Joseph, which is told

in the Koran as well as the

Mr. Shahine claims the story is autobiographical. Like the protagonist Ram. the film maker emigrated, to study film in the United States. Ram, whose name was Joseph in the original script submitted to the censor three years ago, emigrates to learn about agriculture in

"For 15 years I've dreamed about making a film like this." Mr. Shahine said. "It's about how I succeed after leaving this country.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 15 Agaba 23, Humidity readings: Amman 41 per cent. Aquba 32 per cent.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NIGHT DUTY AMMAN:

Dr. Hanna Mansour 750197

	/
Dr. Farouq Nour	7866×1
Dr. Ratib Zultoun	SXX6N5
Dr. Jihad Zyadeh	
Fires pharmacy	<u>Დ</u> โลโล
Ferdows pharmacy	77አ3.ንሱ
Al Asema phurmacy	637055
Naimukh pharmacy	
	-
Al Salum pharmacy	
Yacoub pharmacy	··· viini?
Shmeisani pharmacy	6376N1
Nairoujh pharmacy	
Najih phurmacy	8476,32
IRBID:	
Dr. Ali Al Omuri	272032
Al Quds pharmacy	· (—)
ter com buning	
ZARQA:	
	W1521
Dr. Yahya Tarifi	
Khuliten pharmacy	9K5417

EMERGENCIES Food Control Centre 637111

Civil Defence Department 661111

RJ Flight Information 18453200

Queen Alia Intl. Airport 08-53200)

Separation of the second	A toward in intentional Course, 4174
Civil Detence Immediate	Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn
Rescue	61
Civil Defence Emergency 199	Akileh Maternity, J. Amn.
Rescue Police 192.621111.637777	64:
Fire Brigade	Juhal Amman Muternity 1
Blood Bank 77,5121	Malhas, J. Amman
Highway Police	Palestine, Shmeisani 66-
Traffic Police 896390	Shmcisani Hospital 6
Public Security Department (3032)	University Hospital
Hotel Complaints 605880	Al-Muasher Hospital 66
Price Complaints 661176	The Islamic, Abdali 666
Water and Sewernee	Al-Ahli, Abdali 66-
Water and Sewerage Complaints	Italian, Al-Muhajreen 77
Amman Municipality	Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafich 775
Complaints 787[]]	Army. £Marka
Telephone Information	Queen Alia Hospital 6/12
(directory assistance) 121	Amai Hospital6
Overseas Calls(11023)	ZARQA:
.Central Amman Telephone	Zarqa Govi. Hospital (09)9
Repairs	Zurqa Nutional Hospital
Abduli Talashana Dannin Abl 111	(OS))
Abdali Telephone Repairs 6al 101	15n Sina Hospital (09)9
Jordan Television	Al Hikma Modern Hospital (09)
Radio Jurdan	(
Water Authority 6801101	(RBID;
Jordan Electricity Authority	Princess Basma Hospital (02)
815615	Greek Catholic Hospital (02)
Electric Power	Ihn Al Nafoes Hospital (02)
	61'14 CN 3741LLS / 1LDLB/A/4 11/L 1

HOSPITALS

Hussein Medical Centre \$1.813-32

42441/2 636140 4171/4 15,1699 X45845 עולברל 127/37 4164/6 71013 611/15 3.34(N.24) 674155 483323 986732 INVOVAL Ibn Al Nafees Hospital (02)247[03] AQABA: Princess Haya Hospital (03)3[4[1]

FOR THE TRAVELLER **QUEEN ALIA**

INTERNATIONAL

ARRIVALS Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1) 07:45 Aqaba (RJ) 08:55 Dubai. Abu Dhahi (RJ) 09:05 Lamaca (RJ) 15:00 Amsterdam. New York (RJ) 16:15 Madrid (RJ) 16:35 London (RI) 16:45 Istanbul (RJ) 17:55 Brussels, Vienna (RJ) 18:10Frankfurt, Geneva (RJ) 18:10 Toronto. Montreal (RJ) 23:40 Beirut (RJ)

09:20 Cairo (RJ) Other Flights (Terminal 2) 09:35 Cuiro (MS)

10:25 Larnaca (C') > 10:30 Yemen (1Y) 10:30 Jeddah (SV) 10:45 Daniascus (:\Z) 12:35 Ahu Dhahi, Doha (GF1 14:20 Aigiers (Ai () 14:35 ... Karachi, Abu Dhabi (PK) 20:20 Beirui (ME)

DEPARTURES

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1) 05:30 Ayaba (R1) 09:36 Rome (RJ) 10:00 Amsterdam, New York (RJ) 10:35 Berlin, London [RJ] 10:50 Tunis, Casablanca (RJ) 11:05 Islanbul (RJ) 19:10 Colombo (RJ) 19:35 Berrui (RJ) 19:40 Aqaba, Caro (R1) 20:00 Rivadh (RJ) 20:30 Aden (R1) 20:45 New Delhi (RJ)

22:45 Santia (RJ) Other Flights (Terminal 2) 07:45 Beirut (ME)

21:25 Calcutta, Bangkisk (R1) 10:30 Carro (MS) 11:15 Larmaca (CY) 11:30 Yemen (1Y) 11:30 Jeddah (SV) 11:45 Rome (AZ) 13:30 Ahu Dhahi (GF) 15:28 Sharqah (AH)

15:45 . . Abu Dhate, Karageill 00:20 Anslentual HIJAZ RAILWA TRAIN Dep. Amman . X INI a m everyless Arr. Damaseus Milip m esen Mil

Dep. Damiseus " Wa in cuti but irr. imman ... i ell p al. cwch 500 MARKET PRICES

Upper lower price in the got B::USD:1 Banana (Mukanimar) Cabbage Clamentine Cucumbers (large)

Cucumbers (small). Eջբրեսու ... Guille Grape Fruit Marriss Barget Marina (small) Olive Leteen) ... Quantury!

Onton (green) Pepper thot; Pepper (sweet) Spinach Tomato

a‡ mx E2 Αî jol

usc

MI

Et lei br

la Salle Church Tel. 601757 errasancia Church Tel: 622366 turch of the Annunciation Tel. Anglican Church Tel. 630851, Tel.



formation Jawad Anani bids farewell to date a 1981 cultural agreement which Qatari Minister of Information and Cul- provides for cooperation in radio, televiture Hamad Kuwari Tuesday as he and sion, exchange of news and programmes his accompanying delegation concluded a as well as publications, and cooperation several-day official visit to Jordan. Dur- between the national news agencies of the ing the visit Dr. Kuwari was received by two countries. Dr. Kuwari and his delega-His Majesty King Hussein and held talks tion were seen off at Marka Airport by with government officials. The talks cul- Dr. Anani and senior officials (Petra minated in the signing of new protocols to photo) advance Jordanian-Qatari cooperation in

BIDDING FAREWELL: Minister of In- informational and cultural fields and up-

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Lebanon Fawwaz Abu Ghanam and other officials on

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hus- sports and youth fields. sein Tuesday sent a cable to Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, congratulating him on his NAF helps 30,023 families since 1986 country's independence day and wishing him prosperity.

OIC chief sends cable to Majall

Salam Majali Tuesday received a cable from Ghabed, praising Jordan's efforts to serve self-reliance. Arab and Islamic causes, including the Palestine question, the holy city of Jerusalem, enhancing Islamic solidarity and providing support to the OIC. Mr. Ghabed thanked Dr. Majali for the hospitality accorded to him during the round table conference on the human dimensions of the Middle East peace process, which was held here on Nov. 12, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and organised by the Institute of Democracy.

Trade minister heads for Brussels talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf Tuesday left for Brussels to join a Jordanian economic delegation headed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The delegation will hold economic talks with Belgian officials on means of enhancing economic cooperation between both countries.

Qatari sports official to arrive

Al Thani will hold talks with Youth Minister industrial and commercial companies.

means of enhancing bilateral relations in the

continued good health and happiness and the AMMAN (Petra) - The National Aid Fund Lebanese people further progress and (NAF) has granted JD 6,293,129 in cash assistance to 30,203 families since its establishment in 1986, according to Ministry of Social Development Secretary General Suleiman Rousan. The fund was established upon AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul the directives of His Majesty King Hussein to help poor families through cash assistance and Secretary General of the Organisation of rehabilitation projects aimed at generating Islamic Conference (OIC) Hamed Al income for the poor, with a view to ensuring

Workshop on refugee protection starts

AQABA (Petra) — A two-day workshop on protection of refugees and the United Nations role in ensuring their protection started here Tuesday. The workshop, organised by the High Commissioner for Refugees, seeks to promote awareness on ways of protecting refugees, the refugees' rights and possibility of their integration in the host countries. Taking part in the workshop are 25 people from the ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs, Amnesty International, Jordan Red Crescent Society and representatives of the local media.

Business delegation to travel to Baghdad

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian business delegation, headed by Jordanian Businessmen's Association President Hamdi Tabbaa Saturday leaves for Baghdad on a four-day visit to Iraq for talks on promoting economic AMMAN (Petra) - President of the Qatari and trade cooperation. The delegation will Youth and Sports Corporation Sheikh meet with Iraqi Minister of Trade Mohammad Mohammad Ben Eid Al Thani Saturday Mahdi Saleh, Secretary General of the Fedarrives here at the head of a Qatari delegation eration of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce on a four-day official visit to Jordan. Sheikh Faleh Ali Saleh and representatives of Iraqi

preparation for winter

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Traffic Department is now three days into its annual campaign to check vehicles in preparation for winter, targeting more than 350,000 motor vehicles in the Kingdom in an effort to minimise road accidents, particularly when weather conditions can create dangerous situations.

Traffic officials are checking whether vehicle tyres are in good condition, windshield wipers are functioning properly and windshield water containers are filled; breaks are working, signal and licence plate lights are functioning; plate numbers are clear and legal; and whether the back cover of pickup trucks are securely fastened.

According to recent numbers provided by the Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents, (SPRA), last year's 24,799 road accidents claimed the lives of 440 persons and left 11,745 injured.

Furthermore, the numbers revealed that in the past five years, 1,950 people were killed in road acci-Annually, more than 400

people are killed on Jordan's roads, PSD numbers showed.

A Public Security Department (PSD) official said that no fines will be

issued to violators. Instead he said police units will seize vehicle licences of violators for one week, and "if the car owner does not fix the malfunction within a week, then we will issue him/her a fine."

"Our aim in this annual campaign is to insure the safety of all vehicles, not to penalise motorists," the PSD official told the Jordan Times.

Moreover, the official said, motor vehicles that pass the inspection will be issued an orange sticker to be afixed to the windsheild so that it is not pulled over again by other inspection

He was quick to point out that officials will continue to look for other violations as well, including failure to wear seat belts, fuel emissions from vehicles causing pollution, wrongful overtaking, speeding, and not carrying a valid drivers licence, and other standard violations.

The PSD official said the first three days of inspection revealed that "most vehicles were well maintained."

He added that very few licences were seized, but would not release any fi-

gures. Meanwhile, PSD reports indicated that 91 road accidents occurred Monday. leaving 22 citizens in critical condition.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILM

☆ Film entitled "Yes, Prime Minister" at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

POETRY RECITAL

A Poetry recital by Mohammad Al Ameri at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art At 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- Art Ceramics exhibition by Mahir Samarrai at Alia Art Gallery.
- ☆ Ceramics exhibition by Najwa Annab at the Orfali Art * Ceramics exhibition by Sa'id Al 'Ani at the Phoenix
- Gallery for Culture and Art. Also showing a paintings exhibition by Husni Abu Karim. * Exhibition on human international law entitled "Drawings from Arab Calligraphy" at the Royal Cultural
- Centre. Also showing an exhibition of wooden products by Atallah Zabaneh. * Exhibition of paintings by Daniel Argimon at the Instituto Cervantes (the Spanish Cultural Centre).
- ☆ Exhibit entitled "Signs and Symbols: Communication
- and Interpretation from the Brandywine Workshop" at the American Center. ☆ Ceramics exhibition by Mahmoud Taha at Darat Al
- * Exhibition of paintings by Ahmad Na'wash at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.
- * Exhibition of art by Annie Sakkab at the French Cultural Centre.

(Continued from page 1)

on terms of reference for the plenary committee and on preparing for terms of reference for the committee's work on the development of the Gulf of Agaba for tourist purposes and for allowing other parties like Egypt to be involved in the development of the Agaba coast for tourism purposes, according to

Dr. Haddadin. Mr. Odin Afran from the Israeli foreign ministry, who heads the Israeli side, said that the Jordan Valley region would witness major development through projects in which the private sector would have a key role.

Mr. Afran said that the two sides set up sub-committees to deal with technical and financial matters related to the proposed schemes in the Jordan Valley.

Meanwhile the Jordanian-Israeli transport committee met Tuesday at Aqaba's Coral Beach Hotel and discussed cooperation in aviation and the air corridor between the two countries.

The committee, meeting under the co-chairmanship of Director General of the Ports Corporation Dureid Mahasneh and the Israeli deputy transport minister, also dwelt on marine transport and tourism. The committee will resume its meeting Wednesday.

Clinton ready

(Continued from page 12)

fore, of the U.S. commit-

The two leaders agreed that "greater attention" should be paid to the problem of "terrorism" funded by Iran. The official said there was a discussion of Mr. Clinton's reaffirmation of the \$3,000 million in U.S. assistance to Israel and of the Arrow missile, which is presently in the research and development stage. The official sidesteped efforts to pin

down the cost of U.S. parti-

cipation in the jointly funded

project, which he said is

aimed at providing Israel pro-

tection against ballistic mis-

siles :

lished in London.

Dr. Muasher, who started his government career as cabinet spokesman in 1989. during the Kingdom's first free parliamentary elections, settled back in Jordan earlier this year with plans to begin preparations to run as a candidate in the next parfiamentary elections in 1997.

aware of his intention to become active on the local political front e

Police inspect vehicle in Investment window' to open to facilitate red tape—ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Industry and Trade Investment Encouragement Department will open what it called "an investment window" on Dec. 1 to facilitate procedures for investors in the Kingdom.

Department Director Asem Hindawi, who made the announcement Tuesday. said that officials at the new section would handle all the required formalities and procedures at the various government departments on behalf of the investors and to save them the trouble of conducting the business them-

The investment window, said Mr. Hindawi, would mean that investors would be dealing with only government department, and the service is to be free of charge. Mr. Hindawi also

announced that the department would soon publish, in Arabic, French and English, the requirements and conditions requested by the department from investors in different economic projects.

The department will cooperate with the private economic consultancy services in conducting a survey

of all the potential areas for the investment in the Kingdom which would then be made available to investors.

Investments in Jordan between July and September comprised 26 projects involving a total capital of nearly JD 33 million and which created 2,075 new jobs, Mr. Hindawi said.

He said all the investors were either Jordanians or Jordainans in partnership with Arab and foreign country nationals, adding that these projects included no Israeli investors.

Business reply services to be made available — ministry ministry

Special to the Jordan Times tionally, it was only possible envelopes.

AMMAN — The Ministry of Post and Communications has announced that as of Jan. 1. 1995, International Business Reply Services (IBRS) will be available in Jordan to all businesses as well as businesses abroad soliciting the Jordanian market.

The service works in the same manner as domestic business reply mail in the U.S. and Europe where companies, advertisers and marketers enclose a prepared reply item to consumers or other businesses as an incentive to respond to mail inquiries.

Although the service has been available in 42 countries worldwide since 1990. Jordan is only recently joining the ranks. The reason the ministry has decided to adopt the IBRS is two-fold, said Mohammad Kahwaji, the new director of postal affairs. Until business reply mail service was available interna-

to offer two types of prepayment postage: by enclosing an international reply coupon or by enclosing an envelope or card pre-stamped. This was generally considered inefficient because reply coupons have to be exchanged for stamps and because the sender incurs the cost of each piece of reply mail whether it is returned or not — an expensive endeavour for businesses intending to make a large mailing, considering that usually only 5 to 10 per cent of reply

"This service is needed in Jordan." he said. "There are new international and local businesses that could use a service like this for surveys. sending samples and marketing. It also works the other way — companies in the West and in the region would like to send things to Jordan with prepaid reply cards or

items are ever returned to the

sender.

Currently, seven countries have agreed to exchange this service with Jordan: the U.S., England, France, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Holland. Denmark and Australia.

An additional 20 countries have accepted to return reply mail originating in Jordan.

Subscribes to the service in here are subject to an annual JD10 plus the cost of postage for local service and JD25 plus the cost of postage of the country returning the mail for service abroad.

Businesses also assume the expense of printing reply cards and envelopes to the specifications of the ministry. According to Mr. Kahwaji. the ministry has thus for only received one application from a local magazine for the service. But, he expects the number of subscribers to increase following a media campaign to introduce the service to local businesses.

Polish economists see economic potential for more bilateral trade

By Cathy King Special to the Jordan Times creased imports and exports

AMMAN — In the early 1980's the balance of trade between Jordan and Poland tipped in favour of Jordan. Although in recent years bilateral trade has declined and reversed, now favouring Polish exports to Jordan, the Poles see potential for mutual

benefit. "Current trade relations between Jordan and Poland are insufficient and do not display their full potential. said Chancelor of the Commercial Chancellor's Office at the Polish Embassy Kazimierz Maurer.

"Poland and Jordan are at the same stage of change, said Mr. Maurer, who explained that Poland is still within the transition period from communisim to capitalism and that, in parallel. Jordan is adopting policies for a more open economy as well as progressive normalisation of relations with Israel.

"I expect a more open economy here, considering Crown Prince Hassan's announcement in Casablanca (during the economic conference held Oct. 30 to Nov. 1)

to open the Kingdom to in- lish a joint venture with the and also the government's decision to decrease import tax. In consequence we (Polish economists) are preparing new ways and ideas to further bilateral commercial relations," Mr. Maurer said.

Accordingly, a small exhibition of 25 Polish companies will be held on Nov.

Among products exhibited will be cars, trucks, sweets and chocolates. The exhibition will also play host to a handful of business and official meetings, Mr. Maurer told the Jordan Tiems.

"With the anticipated increased flow of tourists from and through Israel. Jordan should witness development in the business sector, and so we (at the Polish embassy) have encouraged Polish firms to attend the exhibition to see for themselves the opportunities available here. We hope that some of them will bid for tenders of new projects." he

added. A delegation from Polymex-Cekop. the Polish firm that built the Jordanian Glass Industries Company in Ma'an, now intends to estab.. glass company, Mr. Maurer

Recent figures indicate that present Jordanian-Polish trade exchange is almost negligible: per annum Polish exports to Jordan amount to about \$10 million, while Jordanian exports to Poland are around \$1 million, Mr. Maurer said.

"Until a few years ago Poland imported a lot of Jordanian potash, but ceased because of Poland's financial troubles. However, five years of free economy has made Poland into one of the fastest developing countries in

Еигоре. "Although prosperity starts with construction, development of agriculture, for which we need potash, is also important," he said. In a couple of years he expects Polish imports of potash to reach new heights.

"The aim of the exhibition is to bring Jordan and Poland closer together: to attract Polish investment and to encourage trade in both directions." said Mr. Maurer.

The one-day public exhibition will be held on Nov. 28 at Amra hotel.



President Fawzi Gharaibeh Tuesday opens a three-day art exhibition by students from Yarmouk University, Jordan

University of Science and Technology and Muta University marking His Majesty King Hussein's Birthday

'Kindergarten of peace' to open in Wadi Araba, says charity

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman-based Al Zahraa Charitable Society has decided to open a kindergarten in the Wadi Araba region and name it "The Kindergarten of Peace" in commemoration of the peace treaty which was

signed there last month be-

tween Jordan and Israel. Society President Hanaa Kurdi said that a team from the society will soon visit the Wadi Araba region to conduct a survey of the social conditions of people and the number of children of preschool age that could be cared for at the kindergarten.

which is governed by a board of trustees chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, cares for less fortunate children under five-years-old. She said the kindergarten,

She said that the society,

which will be set up at Wadi Araba as part of the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday will be solely dedicated to serving the needy children of the region.

Mrs. Kurdi said the society will develop the kindergarten into a school at a later stage and will hold training courses for women teachers at the

kindergarten level to be employed at the centre and other centres run by the soci-

Referring to other plans, Mrs. Kurdi said that the society recently opened a kindergarten at Al Jadieh Village in the Bani Hamideh district, offering care to 40 children from local needy families.

Mrs. Kurdi said that the society has been working closely with the Ministry of Social Development in providing other services to the children, including mother and child care, in different rural areas of the country.

Arafat seeks to regain lead

Hamas leader. He said the

be dragged into a showdown.

the PLO-ruled areas and in

Israel, would continue.

Hamas' smaller sister orga-

nisation, Islamic Jihad, killed

four Israeli soldiers guarding

a Jewish settlement in Gaza

by Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin on Mr. Arafat to

crack down on the opposition

for Mr. Rabin that the more

pressure he exerts on Arafat

to make him oppress us, the

more military operations

there will be against his

Norway on Tuesday signed

a \$10 million accord with the

Palestinian Authority in the

first sign of international sup-

port since last week's blood-

international planning,

praised Norway's "generous

grant" for the three-year pro-

ject to help develop his de-

Dr. Shaath said the Palesti-

"At the beginning we were

not ready because our institu-

tions were not on the

ground," he told reporters

after signing the Norwegian

"Now, our plans are ready

and place is swarming with

auditors. I don't think there

is a problem of transparency

"I think the problem now

Terje Larsen, U.N. coordi-

nator for the occupied terri-

nians were now ready with

projects and accountability

Nabil Shaath, minister of

(Rabin's) soldiers in Gaza,

Mr. Falouji said.

bath in Gaza.

partment.

procedures.

any more.

is with donors.

"We want to make clear

Mr. Falouji said pressure

in the past two weeks.

was counterproductive.

However, he said attacks

(Continued from page 1) Mr. Jabali did not say how he would use the Hawks, who used to fight Israeli soldiers. but were pushed to the sidelines when self-rule began in

May and Palestinian police took over. Hisham Abdul Razeq, a leading Fateh official, said Fatch would no longer leave the street to Hamas. If Hamas demonstrators rallied against Mr. Arafat, Fateh supporters would be sent out s a counter demonstration. Mr. Abdul Razeq said.

"We told Abu Ammar (Arafat) that Fateh can have a role in protecting the Palestinian Authority," Mr. Abdul Razeq said. "We will not allow anybody to kill this newborn Palestinian state." Israel Radio said seven groups of Hawks had been formed in the Gaza Strip as strike forces against Hamas

and Islamic Jihad. The Palestinian Authority also tried some conciliatory measures. Police released 25 Islamic Jihad activists, leaving 70 of the scores arrested still in jail. And in a speech for Palestinian television, Mr. Arafat said Palestinians should not mourn recent events but should concentrate on their twin goals of ending the occupation on all Palestinian land and erasing the effects of 27 years of Israeli military rule. He warned that acts against the authority would not be toler-

ated, however. Hamas, in turn, accused Mr. Arafat of provoking his opponents in hopes of unleashing a civil war that would destroy the Islamic groups.

"There are some people in the Palestinian Authority who are pushing for civil war," said Emad Falouji, a tories, repeated charges he made Monday against international donors.

"If we assess the donor effort today, I would say very simply: It's a failure," said opposition groups would not Mr. Larsen, also present at the signing ceremony in Gaza against Israeli targets, both in

He said donors had initially pledged \$700 million for 1994, but only \$140 million had actually been disbursed. most of which has gone for salaries and running costs.

Arafat seen to raise stakes in Gaza

(Continued from page 1) Fateh on Sunday after his lieutenants failed to get more than 500 people to demonstrate in his support. Fateh activists told the Jordan Times that they have agreed to shore up support for Mr. Arafat provided he accepted their demands for reforms in the Fateh move-

By falling back on Fatch, however, and placing it in the frontline of the confrontation with Hamas, Mr. Arafat might have jeopardised efforts to reach nartional reconciliation and marginalised the other

secular opposition. Local leaders say that Mr. Arafat's and Hamas' attitudes are perpetuating the impression that the crisis emanates from a conflict. between fundamentalist "extremists" and moderate

PNA. But according to Dr. Abdul Shafi, this analysis is an over simplification that overshadows the major conflict arising from the terms of the Israeli-Palestinian agreements and the continuous Israeli occupation.

Jordan, Israel plan strategy schemes in the valley, the Jordan News Agency, Petra,

Munther Haddadin, who heads the Jordanian side to the steering meeting, said in a statement after the first session that the committee approved of the manner in which Jordan and Israel would approach the European Union (EU) at a meeting to be held soon with EU officials to request financing of joint Jordanian-Israeli schemes in the Jordan Val-

The two sides also agreed

Muasher

(Continued from page 1) among U.S. officials and particularly the Congress. Due to the success of the JIB experiment in Washington, a similar office was later estab-

His appointment to the embassy in Tel Aviv came as a surprise to many who were

Nepal's Communist Party wins elections but short of majority

KATHMANDU (R) - Nepal's Communist Party Tuesday won the largest block of seats in parliamentary elections but fell short of a working majority as political uncertainty gripped the Hima--layan kingdom.

RC

· ··F ·Ah

mil day Ro

attu sio out not inti

The Communist Unified Marxist-Leninist Party (UML) took 88 seats in the 205-member parliament. ahead of the outgoing ruling Congress Party with 81, nearcomplete results showed.

With only two seats undecided from last Tuesday's voting. Congress was unable to catch up despite an 11thhour comeback.

The UML could count on qualified support from a splinter group of Communists which won four seats, as well as two independents. But it would still lack a working majority.

The UML had not yet found a coalition partner to give it the necessary minimum 103 parliamentary seats to form a government to lead the kingdom, which abandoned absolute monarchy in 1990 in the face of prodemocracy protests.

Communists demonstrated in the capital Kathmandu Tuesday to protest against what the UML called "the blatant and naked irregularities by the government during the election."

UML leaders had warned of potential violence if it was found that the government tampered with the voting. UML General Secretary

Madhav Kumar Nepal Monday accused Congress of rigging late results in order to cut the Communists' lead and hinder their chances of forming a coalition.

A group of international observers concluded last week that while the election was generally free and fair, there had been "irregularities," mostly committed by However, the demonstra-

tion got off to a peaceful start and there was no incident during the first hour of pro-

Caretaker Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala said his Congress Party should step down and urged foreign aid donors to continue providing

Nepal with a crucial financial lifeline even if the Communists formed the next govern-

But party President Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, long at odds with Mr. Koirala, had indicated earlier Monday that Congress might try to form its own coalition.

UML leaders were set to meet Mr. Bhattarai Tuesday to explore coalition possibilities. Mr. Nepal said.

The Communists have concentrated on wooing dissident Congress Party members who precipitated the snap elections when they abandoned Mr. Koirala in a vote of confidence last July.

Mr. Koirala's government has been riven by allegations of corruption, as well as high inflation and charges it failed to improve the standard of living in Nepal. one of the world's 10 poorest nations with annual earnings of about \$180 a head.

The UML general secretary said former Congress leader and elder statesman Ganesh Man Singh, who broke with Mr. Koirala ear-

lier this year and last week accused him of "misrule". could lead as many as 25 Congress rebels into the UML camp.

Congress officials said party leaders would decide at a meeting Wednesday whether to support the UML, withhold backing or try to form its own coalition.

UML called a meeting of parliamentarians for Wednesday to elect a leader who would be their candidate as prime minister.

"There is an understanding that party chief Man Mohan Adhikary will become the leader of the parliamentary party." Mr. Nepal said. A moderate, Mr. Adhikary survived 17 years in jail and upheaval in his movement to merge two Communist strands.

The Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP), whose leaders governed Nepal during three decades of partyless rule until 1990, said it would decide on coalition possibilities on Thursday. With 20 seats, the RPP held a potentially strong bargaining hand.

Russian general goes on trial on bribe

charges

Germany.

MOSCOW (R) — A Russian Air Force general went on trial in Moscow Tuesday charged with embezzlement and taking bribes while serving with Russian forces in

In a lengthy indictment read out to a military court. Nikolai Seliverstov, former first deputy commander of the 16th Air Force based in Germany, was charged with embezzling more than 60.000 marks (\$39,000) and taking bribes totalling 20,000 marks

Gen. Seliverstov, 49, a dark-haired, bespectacled figure dressed in civilian clothes, said he would plead not guilty.

"I am not guilty. I have been picked as a scapegoat." he told reporters during a break in the hearing at the three-judge, military collegium of the Supreme Court, Russia's highest military court.

A prosecutor told reporters if all the charges were proved Gen. Seliverstov could go to jail for up to 15 years.

The charges relate to alleged incidents in 1992 in Russia's Western Army Group which served in Germany. It has been the focus of corruption allegations in the Russian media for

UNITED NATIONS (Agen-

cies) — A new U.N. human

rights report accuses- Bur-

mese authorities of torture,

rape, forced labour, destruc-

tion of property, looting and

summary executions despite

years of international pro-

The report to the General

Assembly, released Tuesday

they are not believed to have made much progress after two years of talks. Both sides were confident that the dispute, which has

Little movement on Spratlys as China

and Vietnam turn towards business

(AFP photo)

Chinese President Jiang Zemin (right), Viet-

namese Communist Party Secretary General

Do Muoi (left) and Vietnamese President Le

Duc Anh (2nd left) toast after witnessing the

HANOI (AFP) — China and

Vietnam made little headway

in resolving their dispute in

the South China Sea after a

visit here by Chinese Presi-

dent Jiang Zemin, preferring

to set the issue aside in the

interest of closer economic

In talks with Vietnamese

leaders. Mr. Jiang restated

principles to find a peaceful

solution to claims on the

Spratly and Paracel Islands

but offered little in the way of

new steps to solve the prob-

ter the three-day visit prom-

ised that neither side would

resort to force or the threat of

force. Both countries also

agreed to avoid any issues

that might "complicate" the

China agreed to a Viet-

namese proposal to set up a

third working group that will

study territorial issues in the

South China Sea but details

have yet to be worked out.

foreign ministers Qian

Qichen and Nguyen Manh

Similar committees are

already in place to discuss the

land border and demarcation

of the Gulf of Tonkin, but

GÉNEVA (R) — Japan has a

moral and legal duty to the

Asian women used as sex

slaves by its soldiers during

World War II, the Interna-

tional Commission of Jurists

The Geneva-based orga-

nisation said its report, enti-

tled Comfort Women.

documented how the

Japanese Imperial Army

forced sex on between

100,000 and 200,000 Asian

It is based on an ICJ mis-

sion to the Philippines, North

Korea, South Korea and

Japan in April 1993 by two

female jurists who inter-

viewed more than 40 victims.

three former soldiers and

government representatives.

the Japanese Imperial Army

"The ICJ report finds that

U.N. report accuses Burma of severe abuses

(ICI) said Tuesday.

girls and women.

problem.

Cam said.

A communique issued af-

soured relations since ties were normalised in 1991. would be set aside as the countries work for a solution, allowing them to step up their growing business links. "If there are problems that

we can settle, we will do so. Otherwise we will leave them aside so as not to affect other relations," Mr. Cam told a news conference.

Before Mr. Jiang's delegation left for Beijing, Mr. Qian brushed off any prospect of multilateral talks on the islands, which also lie in areas claimed by Brunei. Malaysia, Taiwan and the Philippines. All the countries except Brunei have a military presence in the atolls.

"There are some countries and people who are very concerned about this issue and they made predictions every day that Vietnam and China will have a conflict," Mr. Oian said.

But he added: "China and Vietnam are entirely capable of resolving this issue by

Group: Japan has duty to war sex slaves

was responsible for the set-

ting up of a vast network of

'comfort stations' for the 'en-

joyment' of the Japanese

army, before and during

World War II," it said in a

Indonesian, Korean, Malay-

sian. Taiwanese and other

women and girls, often as

young as 13, were thrown

into these 'comfort stastions'

and 'sexual services' were ex-

tracted from them through

unimaginable violence and

ICI said its report, due to

be made available later in the

day or Wednesday, urges

Japan to "take immediate

steps to provide full rehabi-

litation and restitution to the

victims as it is clear that it

bears a moral and legal

"Chinese, Dutch, Filipino,

statement.

themselves. Mr. Cam said that time had

sion of joint development of oil reserves believed to lie under the area, which is seen as a key step towards a future settlement.

not allowed for any discus-

The Vietnamese foreign minister refused to set a target for a solution to the problem of the Paracels. taken over by China in 1974. and the Spratlys, where naval forces from the two countries clashed in 1988.

"I'm not a fortune teller so I can't predict an agreement but the problem will be solved earlier than expected," he said before quickly adding that "such complex issues needed time and persistance."

Mr. Cam hinted that Vietnam's entry into the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), widely seen as a move to counterbalance China's growing military and economic power, would help move the issue forward.

ASEAN groups Brunei. Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thai-

"It's a positive develop!

ment that will exert a positive

pressure to resolve these

obligation towards them.

The ICJ, composed of ab-

out 45 eminent jurists, prom-

otes the rule of law and the

Last August, the United

Nations Human Rights Sub-

Commission, a Geneva-

based body of 26 members,

asked two of its special inves-

tigators to look into Japan's

wartime use of sexual slaves.

Prime Minister Tomiichi

Murayama announced a \$1

billion fund to be used over

the next 10 years for ex-

change programmes and to

build vocational training cen-

tres for women as a token of

apology for war atrocities.

the planned fund as not

counting as compensation.

But the ICJ brushed aside

A month later Japanese

protection of human

problems." he said.

rights worldwide.

the Miss World title in South Africa's Sun City, just signing of bilateral agreements Tuesday. Mr. months after compatriot Jiang Tuesday concluded his visit to Vietnam Sushmita Sen was crowned Miss Universe in Manila. Ms. Sen's victory was a debut for India but Ms. Rai is the

India invited

to supermodel

contest by Ford

NEW DELHI (AFP) - In-

dia has been invited to participate in the Supermodel of the World contest after two local beauties won both the

Miss Universe and Miss

World titles this year, the

Press Trust of India said.

India will be among the 36

contesting nations in the

pageant next year organised

by the U.S.-based Ford Mod-

el Inc., which has lannched

several famous models such

as Christine Brinkley, Rachel

Hunter and Bridget Hall, PIT.

said. The invitation came two

days after 21-year-old Aish-

warya Rai, an architecture

student from Bombay, won

second Indian Miss World,

following Reita Faria who

took the title in 1966.

B

Mate

A - (2)

311111

 $N_0 \approx$

.}....

Ť, ---

h...

4: val

. BU[.·/;

תן נטוג.

1. 3.

A == ,-

1

Moscow hosting first top fashion show

first high fashion week opens here Tuesday with a dozen ing their autumn collections from Paris modelled by local mannequins. A new market for fashion and luxury goods has become noticeable here in the past two years. Russians crowd around store windows in their spare time to see that Western goods are on offer, and high class clothing, along with strong liquor, has a preponderant place. Lapidus, Paco Rabanne, Louis Feraud, Torrente, Lecoanet Hemant, Jean-Louis Scherrer and Carven have sent their top people. being staged in the Rossia places range from \$15 for a came from young Russian

survey shows

WARSAW (AFP) — The Catholic population, glit

give green light : to 'sacred' nude

BELIING (AFP) — Chinh's

censors have given the goahead to a nude scene in a film marking the 60th anniversary of the celebrated 1934-35 Long March by the communist Red Army under Mao Zedong, a report said Monday. The director of the film Golden Sands. Running Waters described the decision as a "breakthrough". and admitted he had been worried the scene - involving the character of Mao's brother-in-law — might not receive official approval. In the end the censor's praised as serious, solemn and sacred" the scene, in which a naked young girl from the Yi minority confronts the Red Army during the march. Nudity is still a rarity in Chinese cinema and das generally been confined to the works of more independent-minded directors, rather than official

JOHANNESBURG (R) foreign defence sources said South Africa's President Nelforeign exhibitors might parson Mandela opened Afriticipate in the future. ca's biggest defence exhibi-

Mandela opens Africa defence show

tion Tuesday with a plea that defence production should be used for peace and security. not death and destruction. "On display here are pro-

ducts... which can be used to secure peace and security or misused to sow fearful death and destruction." Mr. Mandeal said. "We have a unique opportunity to help ensure that

by the defence industry." he added. South Africa's DEXSA 94 exhibition is the second defence industry fair put on for general viewing following the

first such show in 1992.

peaceful purpose are served

ducts are on show, although

Items on display range from 9mm pistols, to the world-class G-6 155mm longrange artillery Howitzer the Rooivalk attack helicoptter South Africa hopes to sell to the British army, air defence and naval gun systems. sophisticated electronic equipment and a full mobile field hospital.

Foreign defence sources ·said two items on show for the first time were a G-6 gun turret mounted on an old Soviet T-72 tank chassis and Russia's MiG-29 jet engine South Africa may install in its French-built Mirage F-1 fighter aircraft.

Abba Omar, spokesman for South Africa's Armscor

state arms procurement agency which organised the exhibition, said dozens of foreign visitors were attending the show, including delegations from China and

> He said the exhibition and Mr. Mandela's attendance represented a success for the country's defence industry in two ways.

"The first one is an acknowledgement by the country's leaders that the defence industry has an outstanding contribution to make to the development of South Afri-

"Secondly, the international interest demonstrates that we do have something of worth to offer the international market," he told Reu-

Only South African pro-E.Timor students opt for Portugal asylum

in the U.S. embassy in Jakarta for the past 10 days said Tuesday they would accept asylum in Portugal because they fear for their safety in

Indonesia. The U.S. embassy and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said they were processing the group's travel documents. Jakarta has reiterated a promise not to hinder their departure, the local ICRC representative told Reuters.

Diplomats following the case said they would leave before the end of the week. A spokesman for the 29 youths, Domingos Sarmento Alvez, told reporters through the embassy fence they had

A

ha :

re "

ML

JAKARTA (R) — East decided to go after alleged Timorese students holed up harassment from local secur- granted, but their action ity officers and contradictory statements about their fate if they stayed.

"It's a hard decision for us because we want to go back to East Timor. But based on our experience here, where Indonesian intelligence officers have continually been threatening us, we feel we should leave (Indonesia)," he

The 29 scaled the embassy fence on Nov. 12 to demand the release of their guerrilla leader Xanana Gusmao, who is serving a 20-year jail sentence for subversion.

They also requested a meeting with U.S. President Bill Clinton or other senior U.S. officials then in Jakarta.

Neither demand was dominated media coverage of a meeting of regional leaders

in Jakarta. The East Timorese capital of Dili was also swept by a week of rioting and pro-independence protests.

ICRC delegate Henri Fournier said by telephone he had been told by the students late Monday that they wanted to leave.

Portugal, which ruled East Timor until a few months before Indonesia's 1975 invasion and is still recognised by the United Nations as the administering authority, has agreed to take the 29 youths. Lisbon regards all East Timorese as its citizens.



Brazilian Marines ride a patrol vehicle through the streets of the shantytown of Dende illegal trade in firearms and drugs. The troops in Rio De Janeiro. Some 1,500 federal army left the shantytowns Monday (AFP photo)

part of the Operation Rio to crack down on the

troops have been deployed in Rio's slums as Brazil troops pull out of Rio slums

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Army and navy troops have pulled out of two Rio shanty towns after weekend searches for -drug-traffickers in which scores of people were detained, an army spokesman said Monday.

The spokesman, Colonel Ivan Cardozo, said the army had also set up checkpoints at the entrances to six other shanty towns in an attempt to cut off the flow of drugs and weapons to gangs.

Referring to the situation in Mangueira, one of the hillside slums where the raids were conducted, Col. Cardozo said: "The hill is no longer under the control of the drugtraffickers,"

Army agents had infil-

trated the area and will identify those selling drugs, he

In addition to Mangueira, navy units supported by tanks and helicopters spent nearly 48 hours searching for traffickers, drugs and weapons in Dende, a shanty town overlooking Rio's Guanabara

Army officials had not disclosed how many troops were involved in the two operations but news reports put the figure at between 1,500 and 2.000.

Globo Television said 128 people were arrested in the two raids including the suspected head of the drug trade in Mangueira. Eight weapons and cocaine and marijuana

were seized. Eighteen people remained in custody Monday, Globo

A 37-year-old man was accidentally shot in the arm by a navy Marine Sunday while an army soldier was shot and injured by a suspected drug-trafficker the previous day. Another sol-

dier and a police officer were

also wounded by accidential

Brazilian President Itamar Franco ordered the military to head a crackdown on organised crime and corruption in Rio in response to growing concern over the power of drug gangs and their influence over the city's police.

killings for soldiers shot by insurgents.

According to Mr. Yokota's by the special rapporteur, Yozo Yokota of Japan, shows scant improvement over the past year, although the government has been willing to negotiate with are not uncommon. U.N. officials over refugees ing as porters or forced labourers were especially

and other issues. Burma, known as Myanmar, has been shunned by the world community for its crushing of a democracy uprising in 1988 and its subsequent refusal to recognise an election victory by a democracy party led by Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who has been under house arrest for five years.

The 1994 report again focuses on abuses by the armed forces, predominantly against minority groups in areas where insurgencies have or · ty looted, had been taking place. These include summary ex-

random shootings at groups of villagers without provoca-"Such situations have frequently been reported in the process of attempts by the army to arrest and detain civilians for the purposes of

forced portering and other

labour," the report said.

ecutions, severe torture and

"In other situations, the army is reported to have killed civilians who have disobeyed orders to relocate their homes, to supply goods or provide labour for little or no compensation," it said, adding that sometimes villagers were executed in reprisal

report, rape occurs on a wide scale and "so-called gang rapes by entire groups of Myanmar military personnel He said that women serv-

used as a method of forcing women from ethnic minorities to marry Burmese sol-His report said that over the past six years more than one million people have been forcibly relocated without compensation, to new towns, villages or camps because of insurgent uprisings. If they

vulnerable. Rape was also

refuse, they are usually forcibly evicted and their proper-About 75,000 refugees from Burma have fled to camps in Thailand and as many as 100,000 are reported to have left their villages to hide from the army inside Burma, About 200,000 Muslim refugees from the north-

Bangladesh, despite attempts to repatriate them. Meanwhile, the Asia-Pacific region's first democra-

ern Rakhine state are still in

cy forum will be launched in Seoul on Dec. 1 with a campaign for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi, organisers said Tuesday.

Announcing the launch of the Forum of Democratic Leaders in the Asia-Pacific (FDL-AP), former South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung called her house arrest by the Burmese military junta since 1989 "unconscionable".

"The present military government (in Burma) was soundly defeated in the 1990 elections... (and) has refused to transfer power to the duly elected civilian authorities... This act of defiance is clearly unconscionable and must be rectified." he said.

Mr. Kim said a personal message from Aung San Suu Kyi would be read at the opening ceremony in Seoul to be attended by former Philippine President Corazon Aquino and some 200 other regional figures.

China, North Korea, Laos. Vietnam and other countries in the region without pluralistic political systems have not been invited to the two-day meeting. Mr. Kim said. However his aides said that

Mr. Kim, who spent six years in prison under South Korea's former militarybacked rulers and 10 years in exile, had quietly sounded out China's leaders during a visit to Beijing last month and received a negative response.

Some countries of the

Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). which pursues a policy of "constructive engagement" rather than confrontation with the military regime in Burma, will however be represented, the aides said.

Mr. Kim said he thought the forum could become a permanent fixture in the region and a strong counterforce to voices that used "development" as an excuse for totalitarianism or who argued that democracy was a Western transplant.

"Asia has its own democratic traditionas in Confucianism and Buddhism," he said. Mr. Kim said the forum to be headquartered in Seoul with national chapters in countries around the region, would follow three basic guidelines - noninterference, non-violence and free participation of all

Asked if the noninterference principle was not contradictory to the active Burma campaign and the goal of the organisation to bring democracy to all of Asia, Mr. Kim replied that there were "creative ways of

influencing dictatorships." He said the FDL-AP should be to Asia what the Helsinki Human Rights Declaration was to the former Soviet Union - a base of moral pressure on totalitarian governments, and a rallying point for pro-democracy

advocates.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russia's

leading French houses show. are among the big names who The fashion parades are Hotel, where tickets for seat to \$700 for the whole week. The idea for the show couturier Valentin Yudashkin, whose reputation has spread beyond the confines of Russia in the past few years. He has significant sup port for Yosif Kobzon, the Soviet era singer who is cultural adviser to Moscow's mayor Yuri Luzhkov, the sponsor of the event. Mr. Yudashkin will be the only Russian dress designer to mount a collection this week.

Poles start sex life younger,

percentage of young Poles who have lost their virginity by the age of 15 or 16 has doubled compared with four years ago, according to a survey reported Monday in the daily newspaper Zycic Warszawy. The proportion has increased from five to ten per cent of teenagers of that age as a whole. Among boys, 25 per cent of 15-16 year olds have had their first sextal experience, compared with 17 per cent four years ago, according to the investigation by the Institute for the Mother and Child. At age 17, 29 per cent of girls and 47 per cent of boys say they have had sex. Researchers found that schoolgirls from colufortable families, who smoked, did not believe, in God and did badly at school, were those who had sex earliest. According to the shrigey among the traditionally gave being in love or fear of losing their partner as the reason for starting their sex? life, whereas boys cited a need to "release tension."

China's censors ?

propaganda releases.

Office confirms Berlusconi probe

LROME (R) — Italian Prime 2 Minister Silvio Berlusconi's 3-office Tuesday confirmed that he had been formally -iwarned he faced inquiry in a Escorruption probe.

33 A spokeswoman for the "uprime minister's office conifirmed a report by Italian News Agency (ANSA) that ... Mr. Berlusconi had received +.a formal warning of investigaattion from Milan magistrates.

.i. Such notices are issued afreter magistrates acquire evidence to suspect that a crime ismay have been committed. ... The warning was issued hours tuafter Mr. Berlusconi said he ashad not committed any crime and would not resign.

or He was responding to a report in a Milan newspaper that magistrates had placed his name on a list of people who could be investigated for corruption.

The warning is believed to refer to bribes allegedly paid to tax inspectors by Mr. Ber-'lusconi's fininvest business empire before he entered "politics. Mr. Berlusconi has ²⁻⁷said the payments were ex-*-tortion demanded by corrupt "officials.

" Mr. Berlusconi said Tues-2'day he had not committed

The embattled prime "'minister who has had a long--running war with magistrates over their investigative "methods, suggested the in-"formation was timed to embarrass him while he hosts a big U.N. conference on international crime in Na-

The report in the author-: itative Corriere Della Sera .., was another hammer blow a for Mr. Berlusconi after his party suffered a severe setback in the first round of . weekend elections.

His supporters said it was ., timed to hit him while he was ~ second round of the vote next -month. Coalition partners - affected the government.

"As far as I am concerned I - am serene because, as I have .said many times in the past, I am absolutely sure I have not · committed any offence." he told reporters in Naples.

Mr. Berlusconi said he was fully determined to "continue in the service of the state" and added that he had not been formally notified by the "magistrates of their reported '- move.

The report said magistrates had put Mr. Berlusconi's name on a routine list of '- people they may formally investigate in the future if there "'is sufficient evidence.

The procedure in which ... magistrates put names on a list of possible suspects is : automatic in Italy, but does - not imply charges or guilt and - is not as serious as a judicial warning, which is issued only after magistrates acquire firm evidence.

Mr. Berlusconi has said in - the past that he would not resign even if he did even-F, tually recieve a judicial warn-

He repeated his contention that executives of his companies, like many others in Italy had been extorted by corrupt officials and had no 'r hoice but to pay up. He said the elements of the

report were old and based on police questioning of his busihess partners.

"They, like thousands of other managers and entrepreneurs have been passive victims of extortion and not active corruptors." he said.

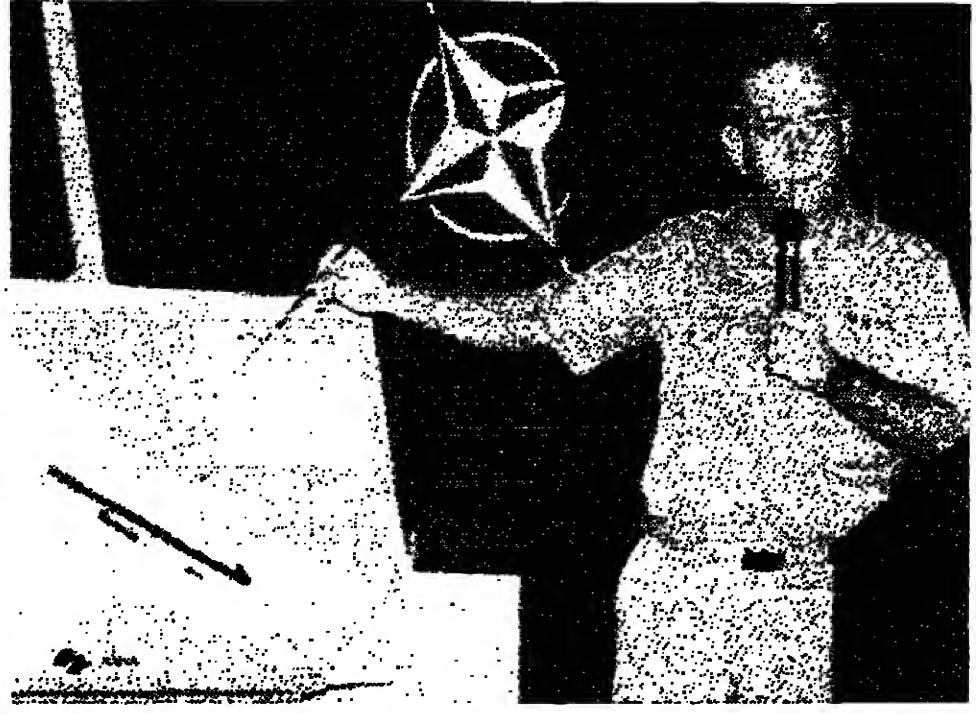
He accused the migistrates. who have not commented on . the report, of violating their duty to keep their work secret.

Mr. Berlusconi questioned The "sense of responsibility" of those who had decided to use the information while he is hosting the U.N. crime conference.

Justice Minister Alferdo Biondi said magistrates should open an investigation "into the leak. "All I know is that a citizen has discovered from a newspaper that he is being investigated and divulging secret ionformation is

a crime." he said. The episodes involve suspected bribes paid to Italian tax police in 1991 and 1992 by two companies owned by Mr. Berlusconi's Fininvest business empire before he en-

्रिय ३d politics. The report in the newspaper rattled markets and initally sent the lira sliding, but the currency later bounced back.



NATO commander for southern Europe hit, earlier Monday, the Ubdina Airfield in Admiral Leighton Smith points to a map Serb-beld territory in Croatia, during a press showing the area of the NATO airstrikes which conference (AFP photo)

fights

to hold

coalition

together

TOKYO (R) — Japan

headed for a new political

crisis Tuesday with Prime

Minister Tomiichi Murayama

battling to hold his govern-

ment together and a top

minister warning that politic-

al upheaval threatened eco-

ers also clamoured for an end

to the uncertainty that has

been set off by widening rifts

Party. imminent electoral re-

form and speculation about a

Toyoda, chairman of the in-

fluential business lobby

Keidanren started a chorus of

calls by industry captains for

early elections in the after-

math of parliament's passage

of laws to implement sweep-

He was joined by Hiroshi

Saito. chairman of the Japan

Iron and Steel Federation.

who told a news conference

that "under the new electoral

system. an election should be

held to check what the

Mr. Murayama is Japan's

fourth prime minister since

the last parliamentary elec-

tions were held in July 1993.

form is to create a system that

gives voters a U.S.-style

choice between two major

parties that would have the

mandate to form a govern-

The current ruling coali-

tion of the Socialists, the

Liberal Democratic Party

(LDP) and Sakigake was cob-

bled together in June through

behind-the-scenes negotia-

tions following the collapse of

the previous wobbly coali-

economy ministers Tuesday

warned that dissolving parlia-

ment to call elections would

cause delays in drafting the

fiscal 1995 budget and stifle

the country's nascent econo-

Masahiko Komura, direc-

tor general of the Economic

Planning Agency (EPA). said

drafting the budget on time

requires that Mr.

Murayama's government "re-

In his quest for stability

Mr. Murayama, the Socialist

chairman, on Tuesday

pleaded with Wataru Kubo.

his second-in-command. to

help him curb moves to split

the party and weaken his

party mavericks will hold a

symposium on the creation of

the new Democratic League.

a grouping of Socialists and

other lawmakers who seek a

liberal third force to counter

the LDP and the conservative

the new liberal party scheme,

told reporters he would "sup-

port the Murayama adminis-

tration as long as it exists."

However, he later urged

Mr. Murayama to hasten

efforts to unite the liberals.

arguing "political realign-

ment will not proceed on the

The opposition camp.

made up of reformist parties

that controlled the govern-

ment from August to April, is

keenly watching develop-

ments among the Socialists.

prties, which will merge on

Dec. 10. seek defectors from

the ruling camp and hope the

turmoil will force Mr.

Murayama to call elections

early next year.

The 10 non-Communist

Socialists' time schedule."

Mr. Kubo, a key figure in

On Saturday a group of

mic recovery.

main stable.

administration.

opposition bloc.

Despite the turmoil, key

One object of electoral re-

Japanese people want."

ing electoral reform.

On Monday Shoichiro

in Mr. Murayama's Socialist

Several top business lead-

nomic recovery.

snap election.

Murayama

Rich, poor states split on ways to fight crime

NAPLES, Italy (AFP) — Rich and poor countries split Tuesday over how to fight organised crime on the second day of a groundbreaking U.N. conference on a problem the U.N. chief said was threatening the very foundation of democracy.

Boutros Ghali had urged the 800 delegates — interior and justice ministers and senior police officials — from 140 countries at the conference to boost cooperation and legislation to try to fight spreading transnational crime networks.

But differences emerged quickly Tuesday in a committee presided by Colombian Vice President Humberto de la Calle working on a final document the conference had hoped to adopt at its closing Wednesday.

The divisions focused on what sort of overall plan of action to adopt against crimi-. nality across borders. Developing countries convention.

pushed more for a global U.N. convention against such organised crime — as outlined in an Argentine proposal backed by Latin American and African countries as well as Italy and Dr. Ghali.

But Western industrialised countries. notably the United States and Britain, wanted more specific and more readily enforcable steps.

Britain's Junior Home Office Minister David Maclean urged delegates Tuesday to "focus on what is practical and achievable and organised transnational crime.

His statement echoed comments the night before by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno who suggested strengthening bilateral accords to fight organised crime.

An aide to a Western delegation said Tuesday political and economic reasons were behind the developing countries' preference for the more generalised form of a U.N.

down and influence the U.N. human rights chief affected the government. Slams Khmer Rouge

PHNOM PENH (R) — Cam- time. bodia's militant Khmer Rouge guerrillas are guilty of Khmer Rouge detention a variety of human rights abuses, including forced con- sure in which four makeshift scription and mass rape, huts are set up on stilts. U.N. human rights chief Michael Kirby said in a re-

A copy of the report by Mr. Kirby, special representative for human rights for Cambodia, was obtained by Reuters Tuesday.

The report said the treatment of prisoners in Khmer Rouge prisons. "constitute some of the worst abuses of human rights which are occurring in Cambodia at this

The report described one camp as a barbed wire enclo-

The detainees, who include illegal wood cutters, Government soldiers and those accused of being government agents, "are living and sleeping on the bare ground without straw mats, blankets or mosquito nets.

"All were said to be sick with malaria and to suffer from skin diseases resulting from lack of hygiene and very poor sanitary conditions, the report said.

Austria ready to join EU in January

VIENNA (R) — President Thomas Klestil signed Austria's accession treaty to the European Union (EU) Tuesday, officially wrapping up formalities in the country for EU membership five years after Vienna applied to join

the bloc. Mr. Klestil signed the document in the gilded state rooms of Vienna's Hofburg Palace hung with portraits of emperors of the Austro-Hungarian Empire who once ruled a huge swathe of

The official signing ceremony took place following ratification of the accession treaty by both houses of par-

liament this month. Austria's Chancellordesignate Franz Vranitzky, still trying to put together a coalition government six weeks after a general election, also put his name to the treaty as acting head of gov-

Mr. Klestil thanked parliament for dealing swiftly with the necessary legal procedures to enable Austria to meet its scheduled EU entry date of Jan. 1, 1995.

"I also hope that the other countries will also take the necessary steps as quickly to secure entry on January the 1st," Mr. Klestil said after toasting the signing with a traditional glass of Austrian Sekt (champagne).

Austria is due to join the EU with Finland and Sweden, whose voters backed membership in national referendums. Norway holds its vote on EU entry on Nov.

Austrian voters backed membership in June by an overwhelming 66.4 per cent, a much wider margin than the government had expected. Central Bank President Maria Schaumayer told Reu-

ters last week that the Austrian schilling will join the EU's Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) as soon

as possible after EU entry. Austria will continue its policy of pegging the schilling to the German mark after joining the ERM, she said. That would effectively keep the currency within the "temporary" 15 per cent fluctuation bands allowed since last year's EU currency crisis.

Meanwhile, the number of Norwegian voters opposed to membership in the European Union rose again in the latest opinion polls published Tuesday a week before a referendum on the issue is held on

In results from two new polls, 51 per cent of Norwegians in one and 46 per cent in the other said they would vote against membership in the EU, 35 and 39 per cent would vote for joining, and 14 and 15 per cent are still

undecided. The polls, conducted Sunday and Monday by the MMI Institute and published by the Dagbladet daily, show opposition — at 51 per cent — up three percentage points over the previous polls pub-

lished Monday. Supporters of EU membership lost a point at 35 per cent, while the undecided group lost two percentage points at 14 per cent. A total 1.687 people were questioned.

Another poll conducted by Gallup for the public television channel TV 2 showed the "no" vote up one point to 46 per cent and the "yes" vote stable at 39 per cent.

The Gallup poll, which interviewed 1,000 people, also showed the undecided vote down by one point to 15 per cent against the previous poll published Monday.

British jets targetted as Serbs advance on Bihac Udbina could be repaired in of smoke." SARAJEVO (R) — Serb less than 24 hours. The Canadian colonel said Serb heavy weapons of all

forces pressed home their attack on Bosnia's Bihac enclave and two British jet fighters came under missile fire Tuesday, less than 24 hours after a punitive NATO raid on a Serb air base.

Two British Sea Harrier jets were fired on by missiles over Serb-held territory, a NATO spokesman said.

"It would appear that two Sea Harriers were subject to being fired on by missiles over northern Bosnia in the area near Banja Luka," said a spokesman at NATO Southern Europe Headquarters in Naples. The aircraft were not hit.

The attack came a day after jets from four NATO nations, including Britain, struck at a rebel Serb airbase in Croatia in the alliance's biggest attack in its 45 year

Banja Luka, Bosnia's second city, lies at the heart of Serb-held territory in the north of the republic and is the site of a major air base. The United States issued a warning that NATO would strike again against the Serbs unless they stopped attacking

Bihac. A senior United Nations official said two people had been killed and four wounded in the NATO attack on Udbina Air Base.

U.N. civil affairs deputy chief Colum Murphy dismissed criticism of the limited military effect of the attack, saying it was vital to keep open lines of communication to the Serbs. "One is constantly trying

where you don't damage communication with the warring parties," Mr. Murphy The raid, seen as sending a political message to the

to tread that thin blue line

Serbs, avoided attacking Serb aircraft on the ground and NATO conceded the air base could be reopened before very long.

A Serbian technical expert estimated the runway at

Serb troops backed by tanks and a helicopter were advancing across the Bihac enclave Tuesday.

"In the area of Gata Ilidza, it is believed the attacking forces were supported by tanks and a helicopter which fired rockets into BIH (Bosnian army) positions," à United Nations source said.

The local U.N. commander said the Serbs were pushing hundreds of Bihac refugees before them and leaving a trail of burning villages in their wake. "There is fighting in the

southwest of the valley. through Croat villages that are now burning," Colonel Jean Charles Lemieux, the U.N. military commander in Bihac, told Reuters by telephone late Monday.

"There are refugees on the road from West to East," he said. "I've seen (artillery) impacts come down in their villages — the valley was full sorts including tanks were being used in the attack on Bihac.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said about 2,000 people displaced by the fighting had fled to Bihac town. Red Cross warehouses in the Bihac enclave had run out of food, spokeswoman Lisa Jones said.

Bosnian government forces in the Bihac enclave broke out of the pocket in October, surprising Serbs who had encircled them for more thantwo years.

The Serbs lost about 250 square kilometres of territory to the Bosnian army's Fifth Corps before counterattacking in force, recapturing virtually all their lost -ground and threatening-the U.N.-protected "safe area" of Bihac town.

Attacks by Croatian Serb combat jets against the Bihac safe area prompted Monday's NATO raid on the Udbina

The United Nations said food must urgently be allowed into Bihac enclave to alleviate the suffering of 180,000 people who had re-

ceived practically no aid since last May. "It's fine to focus on airfields but there are people on the ground who have a right to food and medical supplies," said Peter Kessler. spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner

for Refugees (UNHCR). re-

ferring to Monday's air

strike. The UNHCR had appealed repeatedly to the Serbs of the so-called republic of Serbian Krajina to permit convoys to move, but there was an "ongoing policy of using humanitarian aid as a weapon," Mr. Kessler told

Reuters in Zagreb. Unless rebel Serbs who control access to the enclave from the West allow U.N. aid convoys to pass, emergency airdrops would be needed to feed the people, he said.



Two Bosnian Croat soldiers examine a make- Serbs, was constituted by combined shift cemetery for Bosnian Serbs in central Kupres. The town, which had been held by

Muslim-C. jut forces (AFP photo)

Angola fears rebel attacks despite ceasefire

LUANDA (R) — The Angolan government said Tuesday it expected more attacks by UNITA rebels despite a ceasefire in one of Africa's day, the night before the longest wars due later in the

"We can expect other violations will happen," Lopo Ferreira, secretarygeneral of the ruling MPLA.

said on Angolan state radio. The United Nations said even when the ceasefire came into force it would be unable to monitor it.

"We have five U.N. stations in Angola in non-active zones... but, we have no way of verifying if there is a violation," a U.N. official told Reuters.

"We have plans to bring about 600 military observers and police to Angola but this cannot be done overnight...] have no idea when this will

Mr. Ferreira said Angolan government forces would remain vigilant. "We still hope that the

ceasefire can be implemented.... hope will grow as the ceasefire is properly implemented. Our hope cannot stop us being vigilant though," he said, adding the international community should put pressure on UN-

The government said UN-ITA rebels attacked the town of Cacolo Sunday and the northern city of Uige Monceasefire, which according to agreements signed in the Zambian capital Lusaka Sunday, was to take effect at

noon GMT Tuesday. Government forces captured Uige from UNITA last week in what the rebels said was a violation of a truce aimed at facilitating Sunday's signing of the peace pact ending the 19-year war.

State-run Angolan newspapers said the ceasefire would only come into force at midnight (2300 GMT). There was no immediate explanation for the differing timings and diplomats in Luanda described the situation as con-

The United Nations Monday pointedly reminded government and rebels of the need to honour their commitments to peace and respect the ceasefire.

"The Council reminds the parties of the responsibilities they bear to respect fully the ceasefire agreement which is to go into effect on Nov. 22, 1994," said a statement read at a U.N. Security Council meeting in New York. The peace accord was

signed in Lusaka, but not, as originally planned, by President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and rebel leader Jonas Savimbi, who said government attacks on UNITA made it unsafe for him to travel. Lower-ranked officials signed on behalf of both parties.

In Lusaka, military delegations from both sides met again Tuesday to hammer out technical details of the cease-

Sources close to the talks said the question of Mr. Savimbi's security, the disarming of rebel forces, the locations of confinement and assembly areas for the rival forces and a proposed ban on the acquisition of new arms were still being discussed.

"We hope the two sides will stop fighting today. The next step will be a meeting between Mr. Savimbi and Mr. Dos Santos, probably within the next 10 days." a well-placed source told Reuters in Lusaka.

He said the Lusaka talks would not affect the timing of the ceasefire and discussions were likely to continue for some time.

The U.N. Security Council said it looked-forward to a report from. Secretary-General Bourros Ghali that

the ceasefire had become effective, thus allowing the deployment of the additional U.N. military and police

If a ceasefire eventually holds, the United Nations, which has asked Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa to commit men to the peace effort, hopes eventually to field about 8.000 troops and support personnel.

UNITA Radio Tuesday quoted a source in the rebel movement's leadership as expressing reservations about the inclusion of South African troops in a peacekeeping

"How can South African troops take part in a peacekeeping force after participating in massacres of the Angolan people alongside the MPLA?" it asked, referring to veterans of apartheidruled Pretoria's Angolan involvement on the side of UN-ITA in the 1980s, now acting as advisers to the Luanda

government forces. The radio, monitored in the island state of \$20 Tome and Principe, broadcast a message of peace and recon-

ciliation. "The time has come for concord, peace and understanding among Angolans,"

IAEA experts arrive in N. Korea on nuclear talks

TOKYO (AFP) — A team of technical experts from the International Atomic Energy (IAEA) arrived in Pyongyang Tuesday for talks on North Korea's pledge to freeze its nuclear program-

The North Korean News Agency (KCNA), monitored here, said the team was to discuss "technical matters" to be resolved between North Korea and the IAEA following a landmark Pyongyang-Washington nuclear accord last month.

In the agreement, the United States promised to replace North Korea's graphite-moderate nuclear reactors, which produce weapons-grade plutonium, with light-water reactors financed by an international COnsortium.

The freezing of the North Korean reactors should follow within a month of the signing of the accord. The reactors will be eventually shut down and dismantled. The KCNA did not give any details of the visit of the

IAEA team. A diplomatic

source in Vienna said earlier the team might be made of four or five people and would join two other IAEA inspectors already stationed in North Korca observing North Korea's nuclear activities.

A team of U.S. experts toured the secretive North Korean nuclear complex of Yongbyon last week and found some 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods had not been tampered with after they were extracted from an experimental reactor earlier this year. Weapons-grade pluto-

al nuclear bombs, could be extracted from the rods, U.S. Secretary of Defence William Perry has said. North Korea Tuesday rejected an offer to take part of

mum, enough to make sever-

in multilateral talks on a peace treaty aimed at replacing the Korean War armis-Instead, North Korea in-

sisted on bilateral contacts

pets ... have no justification

between Pyongyang and Washington. "The South Korean pup-

to poke their noses into the conclusion of a peace agreement," Pyongyang's ruling Workers' Party organ, Rodong Shinmun, said in an editorial

"To establish a new peace

arrangement on the Korean peninsula is a matter to be resolved by the DPRK (North Korea) and the United States," the paper was quoted as saying by KCNA. North Korea called for bilateral talks with the United States to discuss the signing of a peace treaty to replace the current Korean armistrice, which ended the Ko-

rean War of 1950-53. But the North says the South should not be included because the Korean armistice was signed only by North Korean and Chinese Armed Forces on one side, and by U.S.-led United Nations

troops on the other. . South Korea and the United States dismiss the Pyongyang proposal as unrealistic arguing that the truce was a military document signed by defence commanders, not an accord among nations.

Washington and Seoul agree the armistice should be replaced, but have suggested four-way talks including the two Koreas, China and the United States.

During a visit by Prime Minister Li Peng in Seoul earlier this month, Chinese officials said for the first time that South Korea also should take part.

China, North Korea's main political ally, recalled its officers from the armistice supervisory commission last month saying a replacement

agreement was needed. Meanwhile the construction of two light-water reactors, which were promised to North Korea in return for freezing its suspect nuclear programme, will start in ,-1997, a senior South Korean

official said-Tuesday. "The construction is expected to take eight years, including two years for designing," Shin Jae-In, director of the state-financed Korean Atomic-Energy Research Institute, told leaders of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP)

Jordan Times

جودان تأيمز يهمية عربية سياسية مستكلة تصدر بالاتعليزية عن الزسسة المسعفية الأردنية

Chairman of the Board of Directors: MAHMOUD AL KAYED Director General:

MOHAMMAD AMAD Editor-in-Chief: GEORGE S. HAWATMEH

Editorial and advertising offices: Jordan Press Foundation,

University Road, P.O. Box 6710, Amman, Jordan.

Telephones: 667171/6, 670141-4 Telex: 21497 ALRAI JO Facsimile: 696183

· mi ·in ·da ·Rt

is.

'atı · sic

tQ_

CEI

tur

Fix

ha th

Шı

OT.

ne (si a', tic

m E

m

embargo on Iraq

MI

A

The Jordan Times is published daily except Fridays. Subscription and advertising rates are available from the Jordan Times advertising department.

Arms can't talk

ALL INDICATORS from the Gaza Strip point to the looming possibility of another violent showdown between the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and the Hamas and Islamic Jihad organisations. Unless the temporary truce declared between them is not only signed and sealed but also accompanied by other measures to consolidate the PNA grip on power in the affected areas, the showdown will be inevitable. A Gazan driver's comment in the aftermath of Friday's bloody clash that took the lives of 16 Palestinians may have hit the nail on the head when he said that "what happened on Friday will happen again and again if all these weapons are not collected.

"As the initial agreement between the Palestinian Authority and the armed opposition provides for neither the disarming of Islamist groups nor for an end to anti-Israeli attacks from within the Gaza Strip the chances are that another encounter would take place until Hamas and Islamic Jihad accept that there is but one authority in the Palestinian self-rule areas that cannot be challenged by public display of firepower.

There are negative consequences for the entire region in the breakdown of law and order in the Gaza Strip. As former Palestinian spokeswoman Banan Ashrawi remarked in the wake of seeing Palestinians shedding the blood of their fellow Palestinians, the collapse of the Palestinian-Israeli peace track-stands to undermine the whole peace process in the Middle East and not only on the Palestinian track.

Egyptian President Husni Mubarak has been sounding the alarm about the deteriorating situation, warning that Gaza and Jericho could become "a fertile land for terrorism," if the promised international aid to the Palestinians is not delivered fast. The urgency of making good on international donor pledges has prompted Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to plead for early transfer of necessary funds to the PNA as a token of critical support. The fact that U.S. President Bill Clinton has supported expeditious funding is a good omen for Mr. Arafat, who needs to reassert his authority in the autonomous areas. As there can be no two authorities competing with one another in those areas, or anywhere else for that matter, the Islamist groups must confine their opposition to democratic means or else risk catastrophe for the whole Palestinian people.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Tuesday said that partial solutions to the Palestinian problem in general and the tension in Gaza in particular are not sufficient to end the bloodshed and violence in the occupied territories. The Israelis had nothing to say after the Friday events in Gaza except to blame the donor nations for delaying their supply of funds to the Palestine National Authority (PNA) which could end the local issues by launching projects and financing infrastructure schemes, said Mahmoud Rimawi. It should be noted that the accumulating problems in the occupied regions over the past 27 years do not stem from the delay of sending funds but basically due to the continued Israeli occupation of Arab lands which must end and the Jewish settlements that should be removed to ensure security and peace, said the writer. He said that the problems facing the Palestinians are not all economic in nature, especially as we remember that the intifada erupted eight years ago when the economic situation in the Palestinian regions was far better than it is now. Temporary solutions like pumping funds to finance projects can have limited effect, but the end of occupation would have a lasting settlement to the violence and tension, added the

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour described the successful visit to Qatar by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali as a natural outcome of the endeavours of the two countries' leaders to maintain strong ties between them regardless of the divisions in the Arab World and despite the past events in the Gulf. Taher Al Adwan said that one can say now that relations with Qatar has become stronger than ever before while Jordan continues the drive to end differences with all the Arab states in the Gulf region. Perhaps Oman and Qatar, among the Gulf states, currently maintain the strongest relations with the Kingdom, but the rest are surely mending fences with Jordan now that the tension caused by the Gulf crisis in 1990 is over, said the writer. Jordan has never stopped building bridges of understanding and brotherly relations with all the Arab states and perhaps the Arabs are now more than at any time in the past in need of solidarity to deal with the common challenges of peace with Israel, said the writer. He expressed hope that Arab reconciliation would pave the way for a serious and collective Arab effort to end the

WASHINGTON WATCH

Peace is at risk as long as its fruits are not felt by Palestinians

The peace process, despite the great hopes that it engen-dered and its much celebrated achievements, is at a tragic impasse. It is an impasse rather than a collapse because some aspects of the process are irreversible. Instead of moving forward, the Israeli-Palestinian relationship has, to all appearances, entered a new stasis — and within that stasis the dynamic is a downward spiral.

And in this situation the Palestinians are the biggest losers, victims once again of the asymmetry of power that has marked their entire political history.

There is a great deal of irony in all this, since it was the Palestinians' signing of a declaration of principles with Israel in 1993 which opened the door and made possible the progress achieved thus far: the Israel-Jordan peace agreement, movement towards ending the Arab boycott of Israel, the expansion of Israel's relations with Muslim nations from two to 14 and the historic Middle East economic summit in Casablanca.

And yet, with world attention focused on those developments, the Israeli-Palestinian relationship itself has deteriorated. It is as if energy has been mobilised towards constructing the 5th and 6th floors of a building whose foundations are unfinished and even crumbling. Or, to return to the original metaphor, Palestinians opened the door to a new Middle East, held it open for others but have not been permitted to enter themselves.

The centrepiece of the Israeli-Palestinian declaration of principles was its "mutual recognition" of two peoples with equal rights. In the preamble to the agreement, Israel and the PLO agreed to: "Recognise their mutual legitimate and political rights, and strive to live in peaceful coexistence and mutual dignity and security and achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement and historic reconciliation...

The implementation of these mutual rights was to be phased, with each phase designed to create the confidence that enables the parties to move forward to the next phase. Israelis expected that the process would create greater security and regional acceptance of their state, while Palestinians expected that the process would yield economic prosperity and implementation of their political rights

to an independent state. But upon entering into negotiations to implement the declaration of principles, the Palestinian discovered that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin lacked the political courage to apply "mutuality" as spelled out in the agreement. The optimism of the Palestinian negotiators was crushed as the Israelis continued to squeeze the Palestinians to accept less

and less at each stage of talks. Nabil Shaath, minister of international cooperation in Yasser Arafat's government, for example, projected that the process would work despite the objections of a strong Palestinian opposition. He described how, as peace expanded, Palestinians would receive the expanded benefits of peace. Opposition would dissipate and those who used violence to subvert the peace would be isolated by the larger community that would be invested in the fruits of peace. The strength of the Palestinian authority and the strength of the peace process itself depended upon the ability to change Palestinian daily life and move Palestinians from a state of oppressive occupation to real freedom.

In this view, the Israeli quest for security and recognition is intrinsically linked with the Palestinian quest for prosperity and peace — they are two sides of the same coin — to the extent that Israel continues to control the process, to impose humiliating conditions on the Palestinian authority, and to dominate daily life in the West Bank and Jerusalem; to that same extent will the Palestinian authority and the peace process itself lose legitimacy in the eyes of the Palestinians. And to that same extent, Israelis will not achieve the security they long for, as Palestinian militants will continue to strike out against them and be supported by a frustrated and alienated Palestinian constituency.

It is now fourteen months since the Sept. 13 signing, and the fruits of peace are too few to maintain momentum for the process in a Palestinian population still losing its rights. - Gaza still has 65 per cent unemployment and open sewers. A recent outbreak of cholera threatens to further

devastate an already fragile hope for change. Even the few thousands Palestinians who worked for poverty-level wages as day labourers in Israel have been repeatedly denied access to jobs - jobs made necessary by an Israeli policy of de-development of the West Bank and Gaza economies during its 27 years of occupation.

- Israel has failed to offer even a minimum of confidence-building gestures to the Palestinians. The Israelis have refused to surrender even token amounts of confiscated lands or allow the digging of new wells. Palestinian prisoners (most of whom are political prisoners), instead of finding freedom, were either forced to sign humiliating statements or were freed in Jericho where they had neither family nor employment. And the Israelis continue to exercise control over too many areas of activity, which promotes a lack of public belief in the independence of the Palestinian authority.

"Furthermore, Israel should act to stop new settlements and close the more provocative settlements now. For only when Palestinians experience freedom, the benefits of peace and the hope that justice will be done can their support for the peace process and their leadership be restored. Only then can the Palestine National Authority act with legitimacy to establish order, and only then will Israelis achieve the security they hoped peace would bring."

- Israeli settlement-building continues unabated, Mr. Rabin's Labour government, while pledging an end to all settlement construction as a condition of receiving U.S. loan guarantees, has, during the past two years, either completed or started construction on roughly 30,000 new housing units in the West Bank and Gaza and in the "annexed" area around East Jerusalem. Another 15,000 housing units are being planned. And with this construction comes new roads, expanded infrastructure and a stronger Israeli military presence — and reenforced Palestinian conviction that Israel has no plans to surrender land and is committed only to a peace it defines and controls.

East Jerusalem, the religious, cultural, economic and welfare centre of Palestinian life has been virtually cut out from the rest of the Palestinian society. In fact, Jerusalem has become a virtual no-man's land. New legislation being pushed through the Israeli Knesset, which would prohibit any political meetings in Jerusalem with the Palestinian leadership, only adds further insult to existing injury.

— The process leading to Palestinian elections has been repeatedly delayed by Israel's concern over the declaration of principle's linkage between elections and withdrawal of Israeli forces from Palestinian' cities. While elections are necessary for the legitimacy of the process and the Palestinian authority, Israel's concerns have once again worn-out, quite simply because they have the power to set the time and terms of the process.

- And finally. World Bank funds - so vital for buildings infrastructure, creating jobs and inspiring hope in the peace process — have simply not materialised on the scale needed to jumpstart the process of moving forward. While some problems of accountability and transparency remain, creative solutions to promote independently administered project-based fundraising were suggested, but no effort has yet been made to raise and expend the investment Gaza so desperately needs. And so, instead of being strengthened, the process was weakened.

The problem today is not merely episodic extremist violence or the dangerous signs of civil conflict. The more serious problem is that both Palestinians and Israelis have lost the hope they once had that real peace is possible. Israelis may feel today more accepted in the broader Middle East, they can travel to Petra or Casablanca and

attend conferences in other Arab capitals. But now they fear getting on a bus to go to the local market. An implied potential external threat has been replaced by a real internal threat. And Palestinians see their once-raised expectations dashed, and a once-revered leadership undermined and, at times, humiliated.

This is the new stasis — an unraveling of hope and an expansion of anger and cynicism in both Israeli and Palestinian societies.

The fault must lie with the party in power. It was called a "peace of the brave," but instead of seizing the moment after September 1993 and moving rapidly towards implementation of the agreement. Mr. Rabin allowed Israel's right wing to drive his agenda. What Israel should have realised, but didn't, was that its long-term security was dependent upon Palestinians achieving their rights. Instead of listening to Benyamin Netanyahu (who advises Mr. Rabin to build a wall around Gaza and close it off Yossi or Olmert (who is determined to deny any Palestinian role in Jerusalem), Mr. Rabin would do well to listen to Mr. Peres who recognises that without economic opportunity and an accelerated peace process, the Palestinian authority will remain weak and without sufficient legitimacy.

, T

• • •

141

4 -

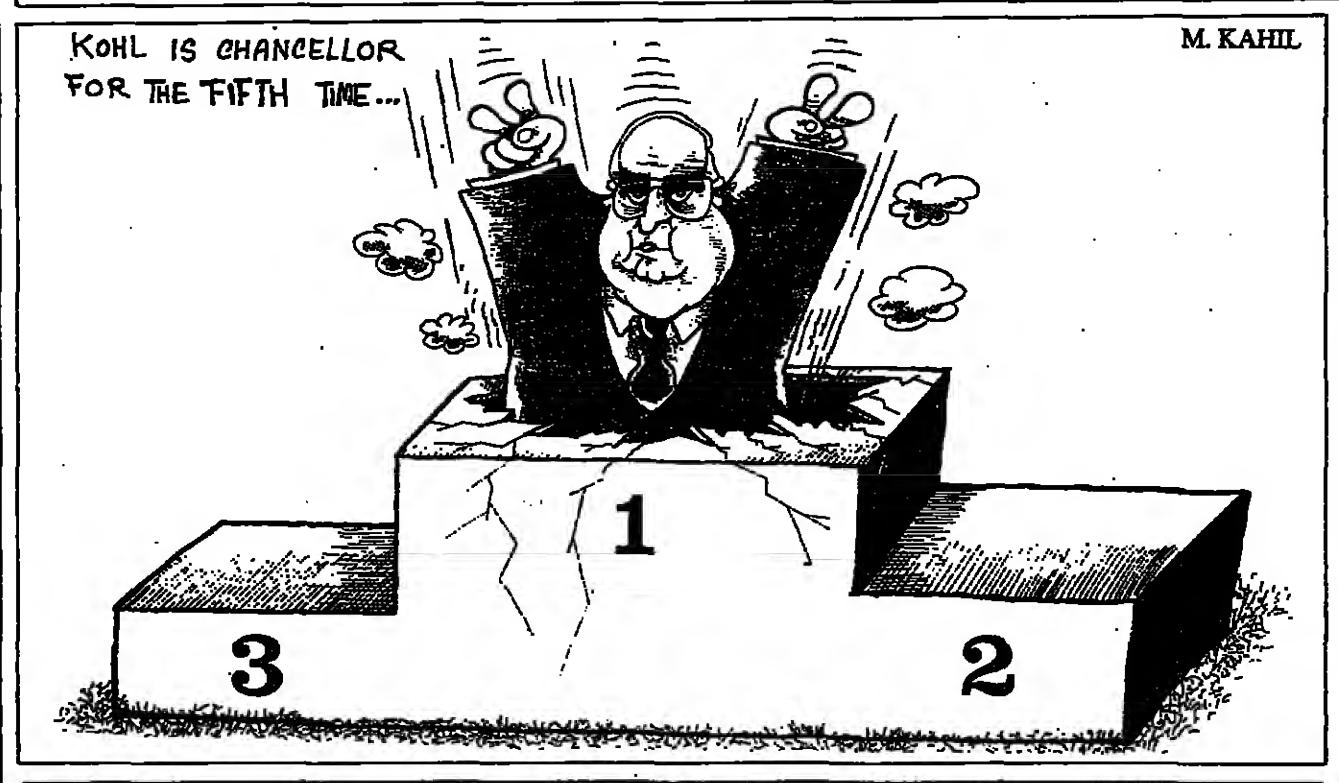
At each step in the process, Israel hesitated or dictated rather than negotiated. Such actions have served only to weaken the Palestinian side; and so today the Palestinian authority's problem is not that extremists are committing acts of violence against Israel or challenging their authority in Gaza, but that these enemies of the peace process have greater mass support than they should — should have, that is, if the peace process were working and bearing fruit.

The question that now remains to be asked is, has there already been too much erosion for the peace process to be salvaged? Or has the region merely moved from one stage of conflict to another, without the just resolution that so many hoped for?

The solution, if there is one, applies a counterintuitive logic to the problem. For Israel to be more secure and for peace to be won, Mr. Rabin must take greater risks and surrender more rights and power to the Palestinians in the process and in their leadership. Elections and Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian population centres should take place as soon as possible without any more conditions being imposed.

Israel's proposal for "early empowerment" is not enough. It is not enough for Palestinians to be reduced to administering the occupation — they must be given freedom, and only Israel can give that. And economic investment must be accelerated, with the international community adopting a sense of urgency in this regard.

Furthermore, Israel should act to stop new settlements and close the more provocative settlements now. For only when Palestinians experience freedom, the benefits of peace and the hope that justife will be done can their support for the peace process and their leadership be restored. Only then can the Palestine National Authority act with legitimacy to establish order, and only then will Israelis achieve the security they hoped peace would bring.



Green flirtation shows shift in German voting

By Tom Heneghan

Reuter

BONN — An unlikely flirtation between Germany's Christian Democrats (CDU) and the once-radical Greens reflects a shift in voting patterns that could have farreaching effects as veteran Chancellor Helmut Kohl's era wanes. Mr. Kohl's cliffhanger

reelection on Oct. 16 left the CDU and its badly weakened Free Democrat (FDP) coalition partners only 10 seats ahead of a resurgent threeparty opposition. With the small liberal FDP

still reeling from crippling losses in state elections this year, the CDU has suddenly discovered the Greens as potential partners for the fu-

Two weeks ago, the CDU helped elect a Green as deputy speaker of parliament. Now it plans to help the party get a seat on Bonn's top secret intelligence watchdog committees.

Even Mr. Kohl has begun making positive noises about the Greens, whom he denounced in his campaign speeches as reckless radicals who would take Germany out what will happen when the of NATO.

"There have been developments here and there that would have been unthinkable 10 years ago," he told ZDF television on Sunday. "How can I know what will happen in 10 more years?"

Wolfgang Schaeuble, the wily CDU parliamentary leader wooing the Greens, was just as coy. "The CDU is developing, too, and always in new ways," he told Der Spiegel magazine.

Both sides emphatically rule out a political marriage in the foreseeable future, which roughly means between now and Mr. Kohl's announced retirement in

The Greens, who entered parliament in 1983 wearing jeans and handing out flowers but have matured into pragmatic reformers, argue they still have much more in common with the left-leaning Social Democrats (SPD) than the CDU.

But, as the Greens' new deputy speaker of parliament Antic Vollmer said on Monday: "Lots of people are thinking now about the future, asking where the majorities will come from and

FDP finally crashes." CDU officials admit wide

differences with the Greens but point to about two dozen towns in north Rhine-Westphalia, Germany's largest state, that toppled SPD administrations with CDU-Green coalitions in local polls there on Oct. 16.

"If we want to avoid going into a grand coalition with the SPD, we have to see where we can get a majority," one said. In the October election,

the Greens passed the FDP for the first time to become Bonn's third-largest party, advancing to 7.3 per cent to win 49 seats compared to the liberals' 47 seats in the 672member parliament.

The liberals fell to 6.9 per cent from their 1990 high of 11 per cent. CDU strategists estimate almost half of the FDP's score came from CDU supporters who voted FDP with the second of their two ballots to ensure the party returned to parliament.

cent and the SPD 36.4 per Analysis of the results showed the Greens have successfully poached many of

The CDU won 41.5 per

the moderate academics. white collar workers and women who used to vote for the FDP.

The liberals, who failed to reach the five per cent minimum needed to win seats in the 'past nine state elections and face two more threatening state polls next year, are now more centrist and business-oriented than ever

"The sociological structure (of the FDP) has clearly moved closer to that of the CDU," the Freiburg elections working group, a team of political scientists from the city's university, said in an extensive study of the poll

"In contrast to other par-

ties, the Greens had strong growth in their strongholds and in those of the FDP." The CDU-Greens flirtation has naturally angered the SPD, which feels outmanoeuvred by Mr. Schaeuble and jilted by the Greens, whom many Social Democrats had only themselves to blame because, in this campaign as in earlier ones, they have always shied away from

supporting a "red-Green"

alliance at the national level.

LETTERS

Peace and a brighter future

To the Editor:

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt emotions stirred by the dramatic turning point in our lives, as Jordanians.

Oct. 26, 1994 is a very important day in the lives of every person in this region (including those who probably cannot accept the realities now). It has brought a new chapter in our lives, with no turning back. We should walk ahead into the future built strongly for all by His Majesty King Hussein.

It is well known that life can never be a smooth run. especially after four decades of animosity and insecurity on both sides. We, as mature adults, need to start on a solid ground because if we don't, our children do not have a chance to do so alone. I, as a mother (who being a foreigner, has probabaly only seen and felt the instabilities of the region for a shorter span), rejoice in the Kingdom's wise decision,

I was surprised to learn that my own children had total confusion in their minds regarding issues like "state of Israel and other issues. I feel strongly that we, parents and teachers and other factors, are responsible for these serious, unfortunate misconceptions. It is high time, we adults changed our view points first, and made them more flexible. It is high time we opened our hearts and arms to our neighbours. Let us give stability and peace as a gift to our future generations. Let us not forget, it is going to be a long, slow process, but with the courage and faith of our beloved King and our steadfastness and assistance I do not see why, this beautiful opportunity should be missed by all of us (the extended Jordanian family).

We all carry an individual responsibility and duty to our country and our kids. This love and caring we share, can be spread to our neighbours, with dignity and trust... By this we all gain, rather than lose, the basic individual right of loving and being loved.

Let us stand behind our leader and build our children's future on a strong foundation, by beginning a new era of peace and stability in all our lives.

Let us look at the positive aspects of the peace treaty. Our borders are defined and a lot of constructive strategy put up for our betterment. These positive merits should outweigh our negative criticism.

Dr. Barbara Burgan,

Amman.

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under specials. circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused manuscripts.

MENT LIFE AND LAND OF LAND AND LONG THE PARTY OF THE PART

AND SEE THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.

Eritege unartriff metant iften bei beite fieben gebille.

the farmers with name and the grade of the same and the s

te perily to the greatest and the greatest t

Military to Paris of the Contract of the Contr

tille the granth in mon .

The state of the s

Attel Branch transfer and the state of the s

SETT LESS SEE SELECTION OF SELE

Mattheway Constitution of the college

THE THE STATE OF T

Ed. Such as the section of the

an side, and we have the following

to med tiert bar benefit is beitellich

ret fereit bei ein beget ber bei einem

केंद्री कार्या विश्वास्त्र करते क्षेत्रक क्ष्या । अस्ति । अस्ति । विश्वास्ति । अस्ति । अस्ति । अस्ति । अस्ति । अस्ति कार्या विश्वास्ति । अस्ति क्ष्या । अस्ति । अस्ति

Mar male millying and account the

min comanies in the second in the the

denthi har t

Contract to

in the s

· -, -, -,

1 1 2

· Frank

The of

on their

ा प्रस्ति हैं।

Notice that

die ari note When he

was that my long tone

Migrany action of the

earth Africa (Section 1888)

कामदर्भ के तंत्रक है।

that we come tands

areaud their acce.

iff weight de action

encess the Pales,

than they should

ch chasion to "

TERRING WITH A CO.

u. without the pro-

ETT TO SELECT AND A

िष्ध विद्यार १०

it Rains con-

is antique.

at leadered

elitican is con-

die mithen:

for "Paties

uigh for Pair

interior

aggricutture is

। में भाष्य (वे)

mi Minnie! .u . f.

protest allet edile r

thimster, or the fichion

e that eartified and

Cam the Palertine 5

Lengterba febre fachmit ;

ETTERS

eace and

3545 F + 1 5 5 4 5 7

Higher Comme

50.2.3.00

.

4 444 - 4 1 1 1 .

484⁸122. (* 40. Ber Mitter

and the best

enter fuille

are promot and

to gradultable could

areflation.

Features

Vest's 'intellectual estinians errorism' targets Feuki Hank hunds TE. LIVALUE : election of the line giage, attaileit feit steileileiteil rabs, Muslims

By Sa'eda Kilani

A time when American hymakers are bringing g-time enemies, Arabs Israelis, to the peace e, theatres everywhere America are portraying A it: as terrorists.

therete estate est clear : deffer tiefe file. there grang tilling to be bedeute to be beite bei ben bei ben bei beite ... film "True Lies" si is Arnold Schwarzenegger as a spy for a secret government agency who rids the country of terrorists threatening the United States with nuclear

The image of barbaric more an arranging of the state Arabs who belong to some Muslim terrorist group is Hollywood's villain for the action and adventure film. No Americans are killed or wounded seriously - by the terrorist group, the Crimson Jihad.

Nowhere in the 2½-hour film was there an explanation for the live direct questions any basic narrative should answer any basic narrative should answer.

Who is this group? Where did they come from? What is their move? When did they arrive? And why are they planting nuclear weapons in the United States?

Instead, there are some brown-coloured frightening people. They utter some weird Arabic words in a very vulgar and violent

What language is this? As a Jordanian, I did not

quite understand some of the words. The accent was a mixture of Lebanese, Jordanian, Egyptian, Saudi, North African and American with some bedouin flavour.

The release of "True Lies" comes as Arabs and Israelis are stretching their hands for peace. The United States is the main broker of that

It is through the relentless efforts of successive U.S. officials that Arab and Israeli leaders shook hands here in the United States last month. American policymakers sicceded in bringing all con-

flicting parties to the table to work out border, water, refugee and security issues, to sign peace treaties and to solve intricate problems face

to face. Israelis and Arabs are opening borders between them. They are forgetting past hostilities and are working for a peaceful future. They are exploring all possible means to bring an end to the terrorism, wars and instability that have wrecked the Middle East for more than 40

years. If Arabs are terrorists, then why would the Americans support their cause, help them improve their economies, smooth over their differences and give them financial aid?

do the American media — movies in particular - choose to permanently stereotype Arabs as terrorists when terrorism occurs in nearly all countries of the

Misguided concepts

Many Americans are familiar with the differing traditions, thinking and way of living of the Arab peoples. They also know that Arabs can be Muslims, Christians or Jews. They can be white or brown; they can be moderate and they can be liberal. But filmmakers have

apparently found that misguided concepts sell better. It is difficult to ignore the fact that the film is funny and amusing in all its other aspects. But it is also difficult to believe, understand, enjoy and even sympathise with the characters when the film is filled with true lies.

Sa'eda Kilani is a freelance journalist currently on an Alfred Friendly scholarship with the Charlotte Observer of North Carolina, where this article originally appeared. The Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) is screening the film this afternoon at Abdul Hameed Shoman Founda-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel to allow meat imports

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel will start importing meat, even non-kosher products, as part of a privatisation of the meat industry, the ministry of trade announced Monday. The decision came in wake of a supreme court ruling that rejected a ban on such imports and was expected to anger Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's potential coalition partners, the ultra-religious Shas party. In the past, the government has used its monopoly to prevent import of non-kosher meat, that which fails to meet Jewish ritual standards. When Mr. Rabin began privatising the meat industry. Shas demanded tradition be written into law. Shas legislator Shlomo Ben-Ezri said he thought the party had been tricked and urged the government to take action. Mr. Rabin would like Shas to join his minority government to assure wide backing for peace moves. The new law, that goes into effect Jan. 1, was the first to lift regulations protecting the local market. Butchers have said the meat prices would drop dramatically, some estimate by up to 30 per cent, once imported non-kosher meat was allowed into the country.

Disc on Dead Sea scrolls-released

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel's antiquities authority has released an animated computer disc on the Dead Sea scrolls, a spokeswoman said Monday. Access to the scrolls. that many scholars believe could shed light on ancient Jewish sects and groups that may have influenced early Christian thought, was initially controlled by a small group of researchers. Repeated complaints and the publication of a deciphered version of one of the works led to an expansion of the research group that plans to publish its last findings around the year 2000. And with the disc's distribution, information on the ancient scrolls that were found in caves near the Dead Sea starting in 1947. is available to everyone who owns a computer. The Englishlanguage disc includes animation, tours of sites the scrolls were found and are presently housed, interviews with researchers and three-dimensional graphics. It costs \$49 and went on world markets this week, said antiquities authority spokeswoman Efrat Orbach. Target audiences include libraries, researchers and just interested parties of all ages, she added.

Downtown find — 'key to Amman history'

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

IT MUST have been a pleasure to look the original 18 Corinthian columns, florally decorated, before a fivemetre-high wall covered with 15 different types of spakling white maybe. The wall is divided into three parts with eight niches. each of them holding beautiful statues representing water goddesses and animals.

That, says Mohammad Wahib, an archaeologist from the Department of Antiquities, was the centre of Amman 1,700 years ago. In the second century A.D., under Roman rule, the nymphaeum, as the

monument was called, was most probably a luxuriouspublic gathering place for the citizens of Philadelphia, as the city used to be called by the Romans. And if archaeologist Mohammad Wahib's hypothesis is true, the monument of water adoration was decorating an impressive 600-squaremetre pool, three metres deep, which was continuously refilled with fresh

"We still do not know whether this is truely a nymphaeum or another kind of monument dedicated to water," says Jaques Seigne," director of the French Middle East Archaeology Institute in Amman (IFAPO) which provides technical assistance to the ongoing excavations downtown at the nymphaeum, "but we know for sure that this is a very interesting site which should be given high priority by Amman municipality.

Rather than a voluptuous recreation place, the contemporary nymphaeum resembles an untidy construction site, with heaps of bricks, sand and stones. finding their way between the relentless traffic of Saqf Al Sail and the booming business of Al Qoreish Street, downtown Amman. A tourist hotel was erected. right next to the fountain, actually violating the Jordanian law of antiquities which prescribes that buildings must be erected at a distance of not less than 25 metres away from important archaeological sites. Only the blue sign of the Jordanian Department of Architecture indicates that here lies a site of archaeological interest.

Ghazi Saudi, a tour operator and member of the Cultural Heritage Committee with the Royal Scientific Society, insists that the nymphaeum is unique.
"There are maybe 20 places like this in the world, not

more," he says, adding that the area should be given high priority by urban planners. "Once this fabulous place is restored, the whole area should be converted into a pedestrian zone. This is an area of high urban interest, not only because of tourism, but also for the sake of Amman's citizens," to our knowledge, used the he says. But he admits that his ideas are unlikely to be realised, not only because

for the sake of archaeology. Until recently, there was little concern to even excavate this important part of Amman's heritage. Sketches drawn by Hoab Crosby Butler, an archaeologist from Princeton University during an archaeological expedition to Amman from 1904 to 1909, reveal that only 100 years ago the original structure of the nymphaeum was far better conserved than today. Parts of the antique monument were used by Amman in-

of the recent street works.

but also because the inhabi-

tants of nearby Qoreish

Street and the market place

nearby so far do not exactly

seem to be prepared to give

up their homes and business

The building was further damaged during an earthquake in 1927. Some attempts to restore the nymphaeum were undertaken at the beginning of the eighties, but with modest success.

habitants for construction.

"Look at this arch", says Mr. Wahib, who supervises the ongoing excavations at the nymphaeum, "the ceiling has been repaired without respect for the symmetry of the structure. This is a

The current excavations at the nymphaeum, which started in 1993 and are supposed to be finalised in 1996. were made possible after year-long discussions between the municipality and different interest groups. In 1991. General Mohammad Al Bashir, then mayor of Amman, earmarked JD 600,000 to pay off the Circassian owners of a number of storehouses built on the site. In 1993. with an annual budget of about JD30.000, according to Mr. Wahib, and with the technical assistance of IFA-PO. the excavations could finally start. The dig had to follow three stages, the second of which will be completed in February

"This place is a key to the history of Amman because it reveals not only Roman history. This place is also a key of Islamic Amman, of which we still know very little," says Mr. Wahib. He climbs down a fosse and points at .a recently exca-



Two Roman statue heads, probably nymphs, the first decorative elements at the site

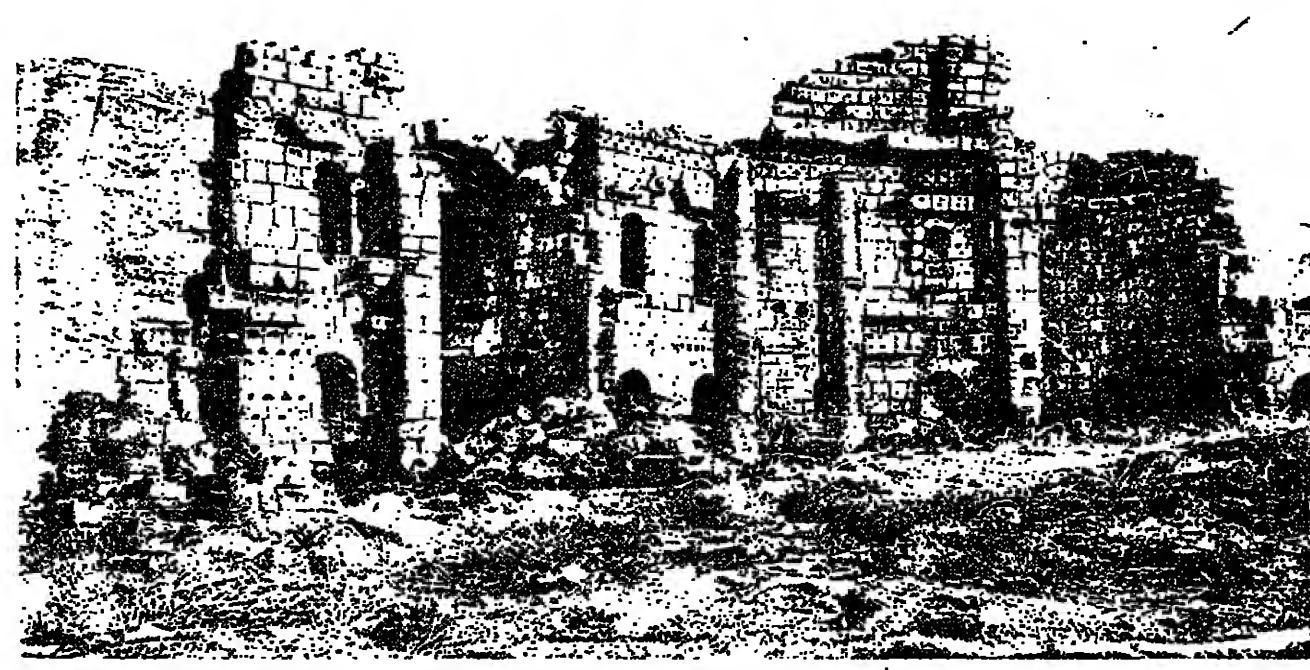
vated piece of wall, which had been partly built of florally decorated stone bases of the Corinthian columns. "This wall here was built by the Ummayads. who probably installed a police station here and erected a defence wall," he explains. "The Abbasides,

place as a storage space and the Ottomans built a garrison here which was later converted into a prison." Since the beginning of the excavations, in September 1993, findings have shed light on the history of Amman: Byzantine pottery, coins, pieces of glass

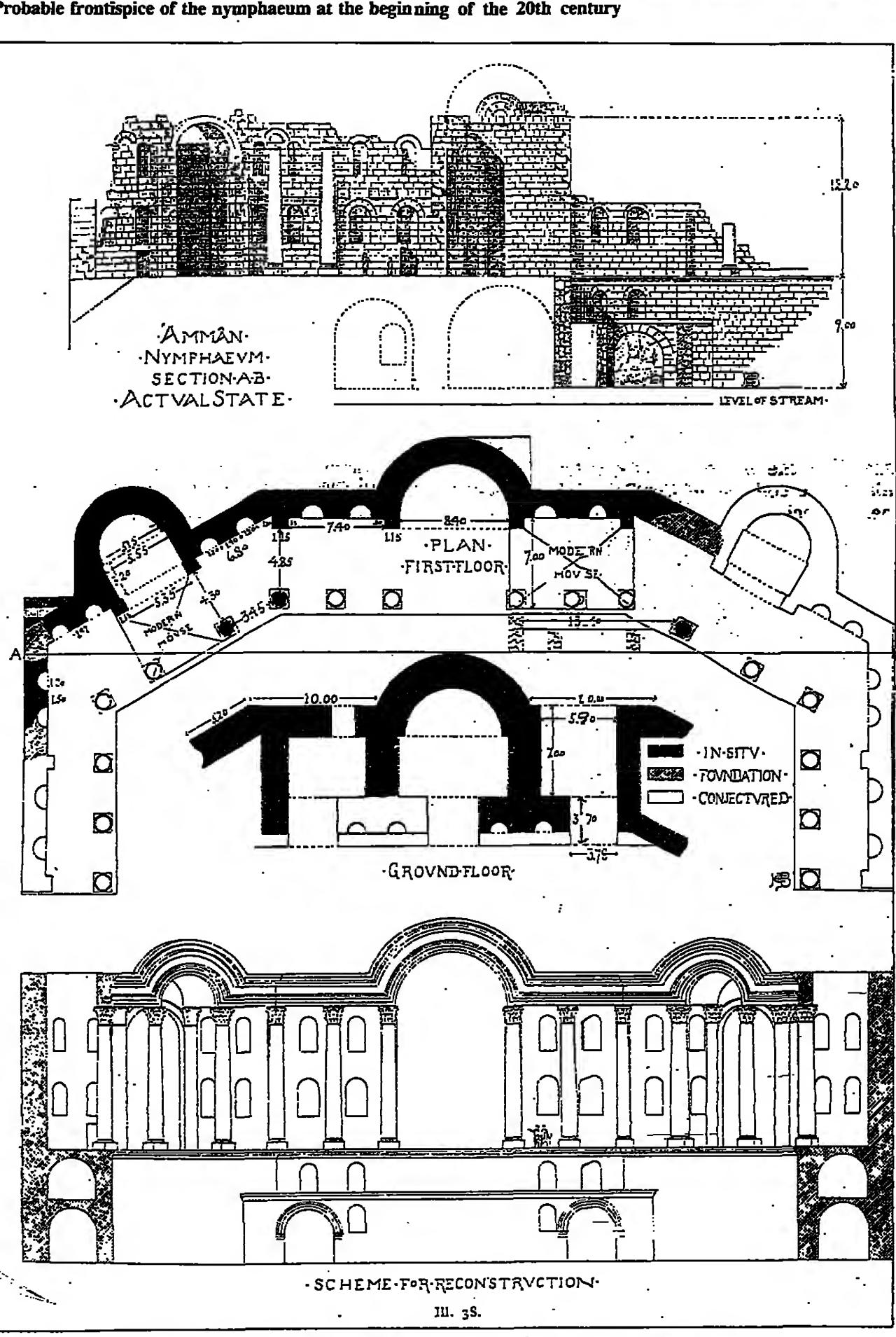
and mosaics were found, as

well as Ummayyad lamps. The most spectacular findings, earlier this year, were two heads of Roman statues, probably nymphs (Roman water goddesses).
"This has been the first time we found decorative elements at the site, which was very exciting," Mr. Wahib says.

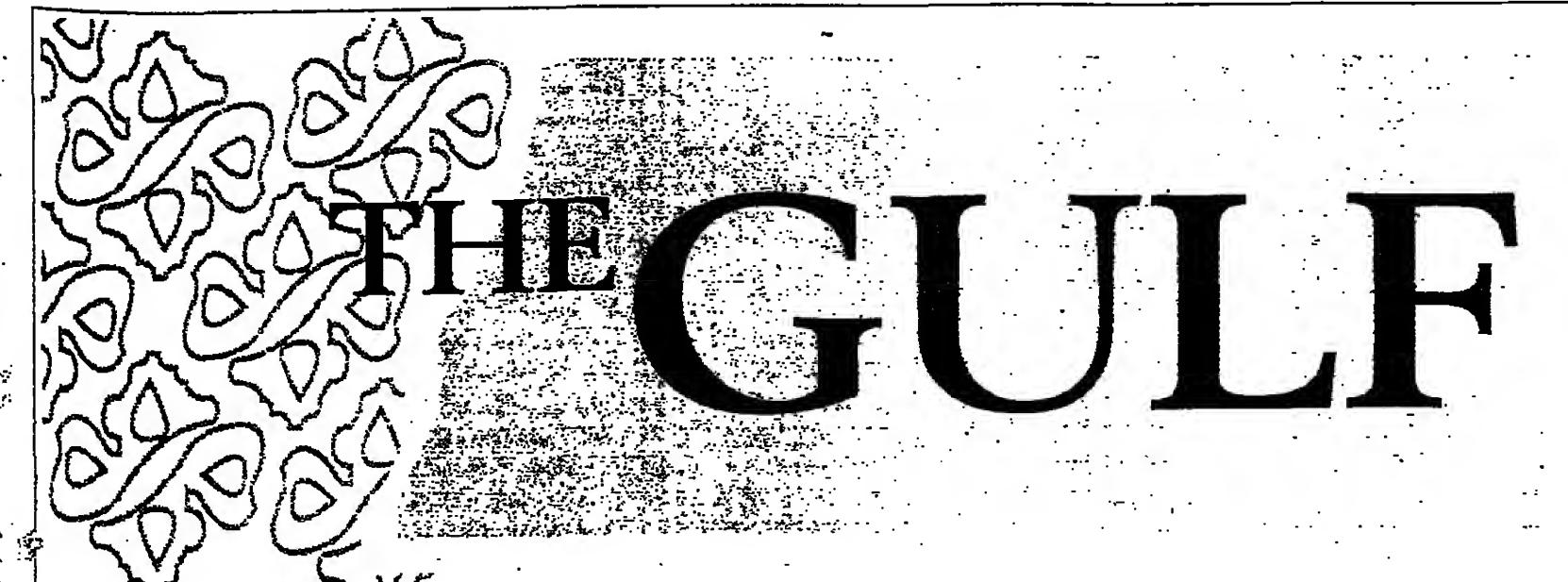
During the excavations. the different layers found on the site are carefully studied and documented before being removed. After removing the Ottoman, Abbasid and Ummayyad layers, the ultimate goal is to restore the site to its original structure, as a nymphaeum, by 2010.



Probable frontispice of the nymphaeum at the beginning of the 20th century

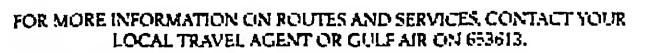


Reconstruction scheme of the nymphaeum sketched by Hoab Butler at the turn of the century



GULF AIR STYLE

Gulf Air offers nonstop afternoon flights from Amman to Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Doha and onwards to Muscat. Whichever class you travel, you'll fly in comfort and style, enjoying our traditional hospitality. Come fly with us and discover the international smile of the Gulf.





OPEC freezes '95 oil output to boost prices

DENPASAR, Indonesia (R) - Cash-strapped OPEC producers were all smiles Tuesday after clinching an agreement to freeze 1995 oil production and resolving the politically thorny issue of picking a new secretarygeneral.

Both decisions were backed by all 12 group members and oil traders rewarded OPEC for its rare display of Junity by adding 30 cents to The oil price since Friday.

"This (production) agreement is expected to raise oil prices gradually but not to the OPEC target level of \$21 per barrel." OPEC president and Indonesian Oil Minister Ida Bagus Sudiana told re-

When asked if the deal could push oil prices to \$18 to \$19 per barrel Mr. Sudjana said. "I hope so."

OPEC has kept its production ceiling at 24.52 million barrels per day (b/d) since September 1993 but oil prices bave continued to slide due to higher non-OPEC production. OPEC quota cheating and fears that Iraqi oil ex-'ports will resume.

By capping its oil output next year. OPEC is hoping that rising world oil demand will once again pull prices higher.

Libvan Oil Minister Abdalla Salem El Badri said he expected world oil demand to rise 700,000 b/d this year to about 66 million bid and climb another one million b/d

Oil prices now are little better in real terms than they

were before the Arab oil embargo of 1973.

Slumping markets have chopped OPEC's oil earnings by more than half since 1980. when the group held the world to ransom with high oil prices.

Even mighty Saudi Arabia. the world's largest and richest oil producer, has had to pinch pennies to meet budgets and pay off Gulf war debts.

Influential Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said he was happy with the new deal and hoped prices would rise.

Sheikh Nazer said the thought prices would rise because "we think demand is good in the market."

But he added OPEC was concerned about non-OPEC oil production, which has been rising rapidly in the last few years. Further increases in non-OPEC output next year could curb the price gains OPEC is counting on.

Oil traders are also worried about abnormally mild weather so far in the United States, Europe and Japan. A mild northern winter could leave world refiners with glutted inventories in the spring and the excess crude could weigh on oil prices for much of next year.

"OPEC is on a bit of a honeymoon now with world oil markets because they have settled their differences so easily," one oil trader in Singapore said.

"Oil prices will rise for a while but then stop and wait to see how the winter is and if there is excess non-OPEC

NAFTA raises concerns on regional pacts, GATT says

GENEVA (R) — The GATT world trade body said Tuesday that developments in the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) might raise further concerns about preferential regional accords and the risks of trade diver-

and OPEC production." he

said they were also still con-

cerned that some OPEC

members were cheating on

their assigned output quotas.

Nigeria. Venezuela and tinv

Gabon are all believed by

outside sources to be exceed-

now pumping full out with

the exception of Saudi Ara-

bia but oil traders will be

watching in coming weeks to

see if higher oil prices prompt

some to milk their wells a

members including Saudi

Arabia who are very much

keen on abiding by the

quota." Saudi's Nazer said.

Libya's oil minister later

added OPEC has some prop-

osals to deal with overpro-

duction but he would not

OPEC members did not

discuss the issue of reinteg-

rating Iraq into world oil

markets when United Na-

tions sanctions are removed.

largest oil producer, said

once the U.N. exports ban is

lifted it will ask OPEC for

permission to pump oil at will

until it reaches parity with

Iraq, once the world's sixth

OPEC delegates said.

"There are a great many

Most OPEC members are

ing their limits.

little bit more.

specify them.

rival Iran.

as saying.

Egypt

exploits

of its oil

only 10%

resources

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt is

exploiting only 10 per cent of

its oil resources, a senior oil

industry official was quoted

"We have a lot of oil to be

found here. We have found

just 10 per cent or less. "We

still have a lot of reserves."

said Shawki Abdine, presi-

dent of the 12th International

Conference on Oil Prospect-

ing and Production, quoted

speaking at the conference.

said Egypt's Western Desert

might yield the equivalent of

42 billion barrels of oil, the

Red Sea 35 billion barrels,

the Nile Delta region 33 bil-

lion, and the Sinai peninsula

20 million, according to a

study by the Gulf of Suez

Petroleum Company (GUP-

dent of GUPCO, a joint ven-

ture between the U.S. Oil

company AMOCO and the

Egyptian General Petroleum

Corporation (EGPC).

Mr. Abdine is also presi-

Mr. Abdine, who was

by Egyptian newspapers.

Several OPEC members

In a review of Canada's trade policies since 1992, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) also said trade had driven the economic recovery now underway there.

And Canada should benefit from new markets for its exports under the Uruguay Round world trade treaty, according to GATT.

"The cuts in tariff and nontariff barriers in foreign markets should help sustain the current export-led economic recovery," it said. Trade diplomats_were discussing the.. 215-page report in two-day private talks ending Tuesday.

Canada's principal trade policy objectives have been met with the completion of

NAFTA and the global liberalisation pact, according to the report written by GATT economists.

"However. developments in the context of the NAFTA may raise further concerns about the balance between regional and global liberalisation and the risks of trade diversion," it added.

NAFTA, a regional accord setting up a free trade zone among Canada, Mexico and the United States, came into force last January and will phase out tariffs over a 15year-period.

GATT. referring to NAF-TA. said: 'The long-term gains to Canada are expected to be in industries producing goods intensive in the use of skilled labour and capital."

Last March, GATT set up a working party, open to the 124 member states, to examine NAFTA's cosistency with GATT rules. However, diplomats consider it unlikely

to condemn the pact. In the last two years, Cana-

da has reduced or eliminated tariffs on certain textiles. motor vehicle components and chemical products. according to the GATT re-

The country's longdistance telecommunications market has been liberalised and its patent protection law has been revised.

Under the Uruguay Round accord. Canada has agreed to eliminate tariffs in a number of key sectors and to reduce remaining tariffs by an average of 40 per cent over the next five to 10 years, according to the report.

As a result, the government estimates that import duties in 1995-96 will be about 200 million Canadian dollars lower (\$145 million).

In the agricultural sector. more than 100 import quotas are due to be replaced by tariff rate quotas with above quota duties averaging 205 per cent in 1995, falling to 174 per cent in the year 2000.

Saudi wheat exports to stop, minister says

RIYADH (R) - Saudi Arabia is cutting its subsidised wheat production to save water and cash and there will be no surplus to export from 1996, the agriculture minister said.

Saudi Arabia surprised the agricultural world two decades ago by launching an ambitious strategy of turning the desert green to settle nomads to a rural life and to establish strategic selfsufficiency in wheat. .

The plan was so generous to farmers it backfired as they took advantage of subsidies. Wheat output rocketed from 3.000 tonnes to a peak of more than four million tonnes in 1992, over double domestic consumption.

A resulting flood of exports raised cries of foul play by competing wheat expor-

"It is important to emphasise that our wheat strategy was always aimed at selfsufficiency and we did not want to compete on the world markets," Abdullah Abdul Aziz Bin Moammar, the minister told Reuters in an interview Tuesday.

Flying in to Riyadh Airport green circles of wheat in the searing desert are plainly visihle watered by modern pivotcentred irrigation and a symbol of how Saudi Arabia's fabulous wealth can change the barren landscape.

But now with each shortages due to Gulf war expenditure lower oil revenues and growing concern about the kingdom's water reserves, the Saudi government has reined in wheat production and expects to trim it to

self-sufficiency by 1996. Wheat production is being lowered by a strict regime of subsidy cuts and tight control

of wheat farming permits. Diplomats said government wheat subsidies this year were slashed to \$850 million from \$1.87 billion in 1993 and further cuts were expected next year.

There will be no exports," the minister said. "It was not our aim to export and we were worried once we met that level of self-sufficiency. Nobody expected the target to be reached so quickly, we thought maybe after 20 years

Diplomats said some Saudi farmers have protested about the change in policy but Sheikh Moammar said the government had been careful to implement the measures

slowly. Using the crop year which runs from October to around June, Sheikh Moammar put the amount of wheat bought by the government at subsidised prices at 3.3 million tonnes for 1991/92, three for 92.93, 2.8 for 93/94, 2.5 for 94/95, 2.3 for 95/96,

GATT failure would destroy trade system — Sutherland

NEW YORK (R) — Failure by the United States to pass the GATT world trade agreement would destroy the credibility of the multinational trading system. GATT Director Peter Sutherland said Monday.

"If the Uruguay Round were to fail - and fail it will if the ratification is not completed by Dec. 2 — we will lose not merely the benefits (of the pact, but will destroy the multi-lateral trade system," Mr. Sutherland said.

Mr. Sutherland, at a press conference sponsored by the Council of Foreign Relations, a civic group, reiterated that it is crucial that the United States ratify the agreement before the December dead-

The GATT agreement has come under fire from Republican lawmakers who claim the treaty could compromise U.S.-sovereignty — a claim the administration denies. Congress will take up the issue on Nov. 29.

The Clinton administration had expressed confidence it will be able to put together the bipartisan voting bloc needed to pass the GATT The vote !! be the last

major effect ov the current Democrat-led Congress before the new Republicancontrolled Congress takes over next year. While it is generally be-

lieved passage of the legislation by the House of Representatives will not be difficult the administration needs the support of 60 out of 100

senators. The administration had said it needs about five votes to secure Senate approval for the legislation for the World Trade Organisation, which succeeds the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

(GATT). Mr. Sutherland said failure to implement the Urugay Round and establish the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as stipulated in the treaty would undermine the credibility of the entire trading system, he said.

"We have a fragile system in a rapidly-changing world. (The trading system) has only the development of contracts between behind it and the institutional framework depends on credibility." said Mr. Sutherland.

That loss of credibility would create a new "extremely-dangerous" era without assurances on tariffs and trade barriers.

Without such assurances international businesses might avoid international ventures. That would hurt the United States. he said. Moreover, a failure to maintain an international trade regime could produce political problems.

"Where is political tension most likely to be felt? It is within trade." and Mr. Sutherland.

The GATT chief reiterated his view the WTO does not impinge on any country's sovereighty.

"Sovereignty is not an issue anywhere." he said. Mr. Sutherland said it would be "inappropriate to comment" on Republican Senator Robert Dole's attempt to tie his support for

the GATT pact to a concession from the Clinton administration on a capital gains tax cut.

Mr. Sutherland said the trade pact had been a bipartisan effort from the start "and I cannot believe that it will be damaged by internal poli-He stressed that while he is

eager to trumpet GATT's benefits for world trade in general and the United States in particular, he would not seek to influence directly the vote in congress. "I have no intention of going to Washington.

Clinton gets GATT support from opponent

President Clinton received support for the world trade treaty Monday from an support for the world trade treaty Monday from an unexpected source — one of this staunchest Republican foes.

Congressman Newt Gingrich, who is expected to be named speaker of the House of Representatives in the new Republican-dominated Congress, said Monday that failure to pass GATT "would have catastrophe consequences for the American economy and the world eco-

поту." Appearing at a news conference just before returning to Washington, Mr. Gingrich pledged to work with Mr. Clinton in a bipartisan effort

get the trade pact passed. "I'm going to work actively with the president in a bipartisan manner to try to get this very. very important trade agreement passed. My hope is that next week we will pass it." he said.

sensational ※ DAJANI'S

Gold & Gems Jewelry.

Amman and Bio de Janeiro

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

nesit from this venture...

will back your goals.

enjoyable recreation.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Seek out business per-

sons with whom you would like

to be associated and let them

know how well you can work at

your chosen vocation, then they

SCORPIO: (October 23 to

November 21) You can best get

an associate who needs much

persuasion to do what you wish

by meeting at a plane of mutually

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) The type of

activities in which you now, are,

or wish to engage are best made

to operate to your satisfaction with the help of a family mem-

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) A day for you to enhance your interest in the en-

tertainments and amusements

from which you get the greatest pleasure even though its a dis-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to

February 19) It is necessary to first approach matters at home from a routine and accepted

proven stance after which you

can add some special ideas of

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Your own judgment is very

good now about how best to

exercise your judgment where-

tance to go to them.

GENERAL TENDENCIES: get the greatest amount of be-The Moon is void of course most . of the day so avoid making any important decisions or starting down new paths as they are likely to be plagued with false starts, errors and unexpected baseles.

ARTES: (March 21 to April 19) new and conservative ideas for getting more revenue with the aid of friends while later you can add some modern method.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)
This is a day for you to consider various means for gaining your personal aims for you can prog-ress through these and a fellow associate will aid.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)
You can closet yourself with an influential person and get the backing you need for a private project after which add your own up to date ideas.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Take some time out to arrange a jaunt with a friend of good judgment for whatever your joint purpose then include some unique goal to trip.

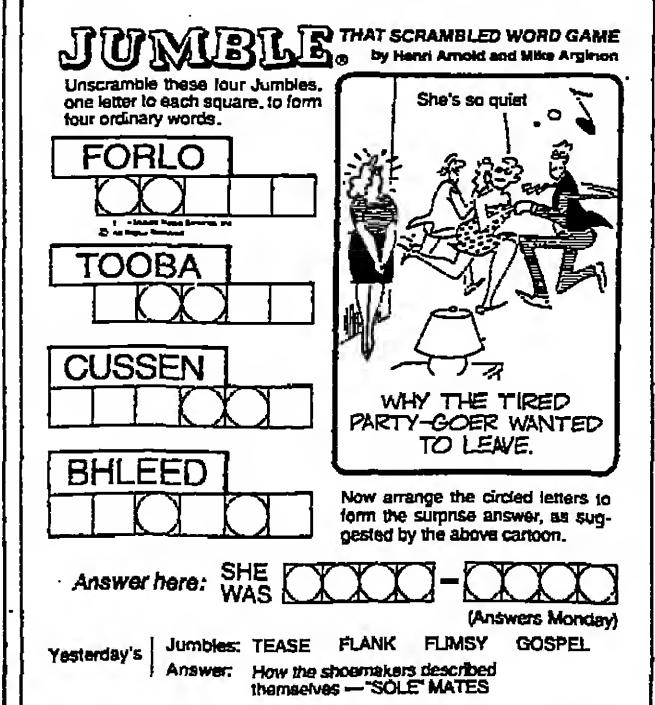
LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Whatever you have in mind in a worldy matter is best done with the additional opinion or assistance of an expert in the field of endeavour. VIRGO: (August 22 to Septem-

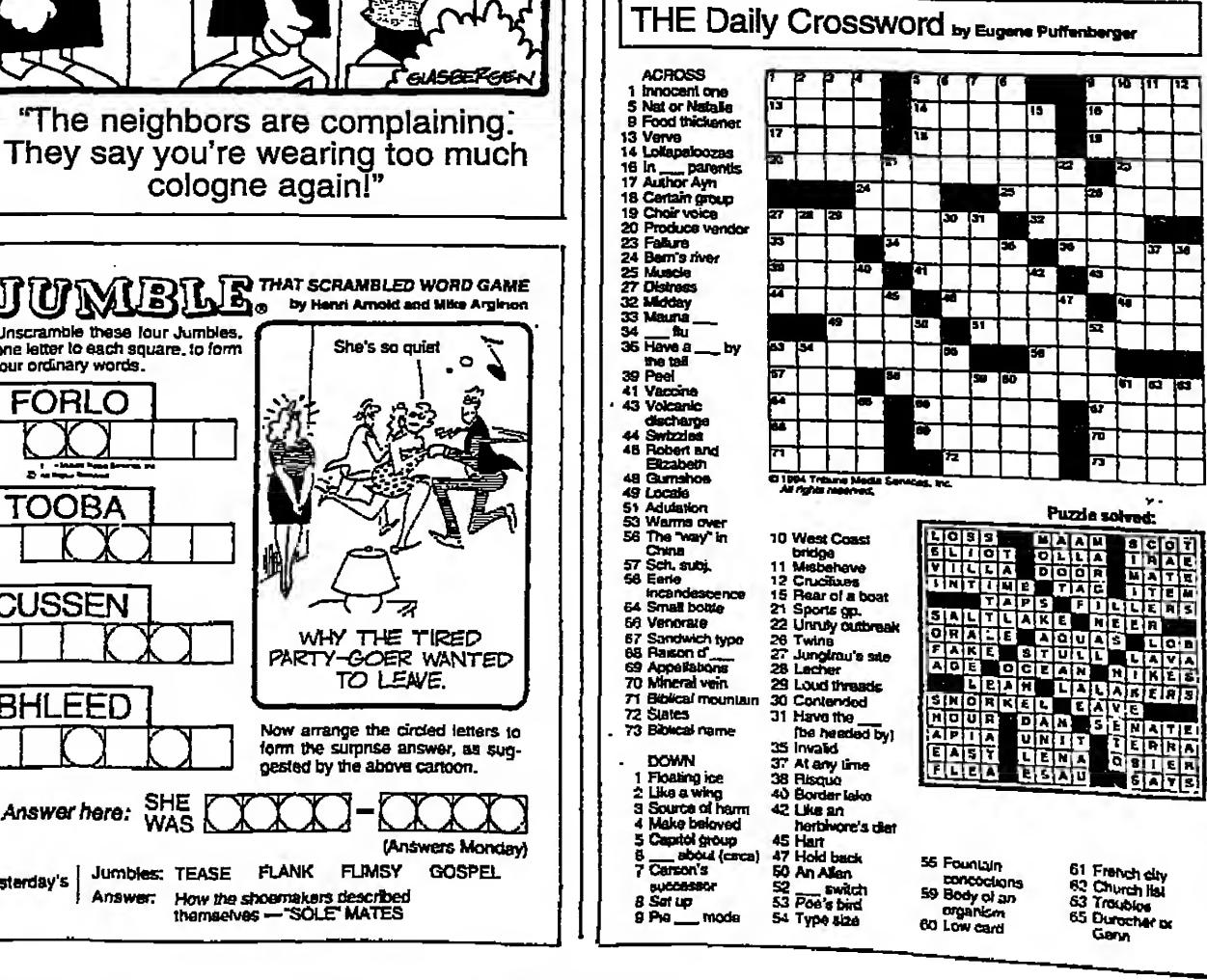
ber 22) A new project of importance to you requires the support of an outside partner if you are to

adding to your present abundance is concerned so don't waste Birthstone of November: Topaz-Tiger's Eye

THE BETTER HALF By Glasbergen GUSBERGEN

"The neighbors are complaining." cologne again!"





- DATABASE.

CUSTOM DESIGNED COURSES

جبل عمان - الدوار الأول هاتت ٢-٢٢٧١٦ فاكس ٢١٤٧٢١

- SECRETARIAL STUDIES,

A

BI

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE - KEYBOARDING

AMMAN BUSINESS INSTITUTE

- RECEPTION / TELEPHONE TECHNIQUES.

REGISTER NOW.

- DESKTOP PUBLISHING.

BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS

- BUSINESS ENGLISH

- SPREADSHEETS. - WORDPROCESSING.

FOR COMPANIES

PITMAN, RSA, LCCI

COMPUTING

..., 2-1...

Peanuts



Andy Capp













OPPOSITION'S

LIKE YOU, I'LL

TILLI'M NINETY

Business & Finance

at exports imister says

First Community of the State of Andreas of the contract of the con-America de l'este de l'article Friday to the second se or the section of the to be to the state of the state

AMERICAN AND ASSESSMENT

01 1171 10. And the state of the state of $(A_{n}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}_{n}) = \mathbf{t}_{n-n-1}(\mathbf{x})$ The engineer of the state of th 14 74". W. 10 1 ...

death and the con-1.1.1 the tree Alterial to the state of the st 1, 1,

ational JANI'S Gems Jewelry. Janearo.

ROSCOPE ARTHURSDAY MINISTER TO TOM

Agricular Carrie 1 1516 Franciscon the time electrical exponent of be-LINEA THEFT ! I'VE 100 EVEN - 1-100 PM the still when a committee to be mentioned and a Comhimsen burne meil bies an noch biwhite attended the a committee ... will frienk to the first

ecompto an achtigen wie erreit mit THE THE CASE MEMBERS OF the specials at any more Completele items

A 15-36. T

with the help a time offi

The said to the first of the first state of the fir

Red Water to the state of

Electer # 20 81, 14. 3." 3" 3" 3" 3"

BRIGHT MEINE EINE MINT THE

Lider Liftel, b p'ac

इपेर अंसरित १९१० १० ६ १ १ १ १

WHIP - FOR

fi Walliam

3°10

514 .9 . mag C

--- L-1

+ -games

ijR ≯.

or the sales

Safet safet, APE

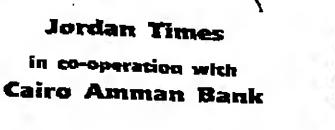
Sun & Every

Mark inst

人物 短叶

:21

Financial Markets



U.S. Deflar in International Markets

Tokyo Close /9: Dang//11/94
1.5701**
1.5527
1.3161*=
5.3293**
98.26
7.2265**

Cerrency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTH
U.S. Dollar	5.31	5.75	6.06	6.43
Sterling Pound	5.43	5.81	5.93	6.65
Deutsche Mark	4.81	5:00	5.06	5.43
Swiss Franc	5.43	3.68	3.87	4.37
French Franc	5.31	5.50	5.68	6.18
Јариневе Үеп	2.15	2.20	£.3£	2.56
European Currency Unit	5.50	5.68	5.93	6.50

recious i	Marian.			Date: 22	7117199
Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm°	Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm
Gold	384.00	7.60	Silver	5.16	0.117

Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin

	Date: 22/11/1994		
Систенсу	Bid	Offer	
U.S. Dollar	0.6980	0.7000	
Sterling Pound	1.0949	1.1004	
Deutsche Mark	0.4492	.1.4574	
Swiss Franc	0.5294	0.1520	
French Franc	0.1309	0.15.	
Japanese Yen*	0.7097	0.7130	
Dutch Gulider	0.4010	0.4030	
Swedish Krona	*****	*****	
Itelian Lire*	0.0438	0.0440	
Belgian Franc	****	244774	

Other Currencies		Date: 22 11.194		
Carrency	2	Bid	Offer	
Schraint Dinar	22	1.8350	. 1.8450	
Lebanese Lira		0.041225	0.042425	
Saudi Riyal		0.7550	0.1866	
Kuwaiti Dinar		2.3100	2.3650	
Qatari Riyal		0.1906	0.1918	
Egyptian Pound		0.2000	0.2150	
Omani Riyal		1.7940	1.8750	
UAE Dirham		0.1595	0.1904	
Greek Drachma"		0.2735	0.3115	
Cypriot Pound		1.3950	1.4940	

STUDIO HAIG

Turing / Sweifiyeh

vis.a.vis

" DANCE PUB "

EUTE CD/11 Gar.

FOR PARTIES &

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Open Daily

Disco Thursdays

Burgers + Pizzes Dally

lt's funtastic

Music & Lights

Moody's: Japanese lifetime employment may weaken corporate credit standing

TOKYO (AFP) — The lifetime employment system may cost Japan its credit standing as it would undermine the ability to maintain international competitiveness. Moody's Investors Service

The report, titled "Lifetime Employment and its Credit Implications for Japanese Corporations," was written by Moody's Japan KK., a Japanese unit of the U.S. credit rating agency.

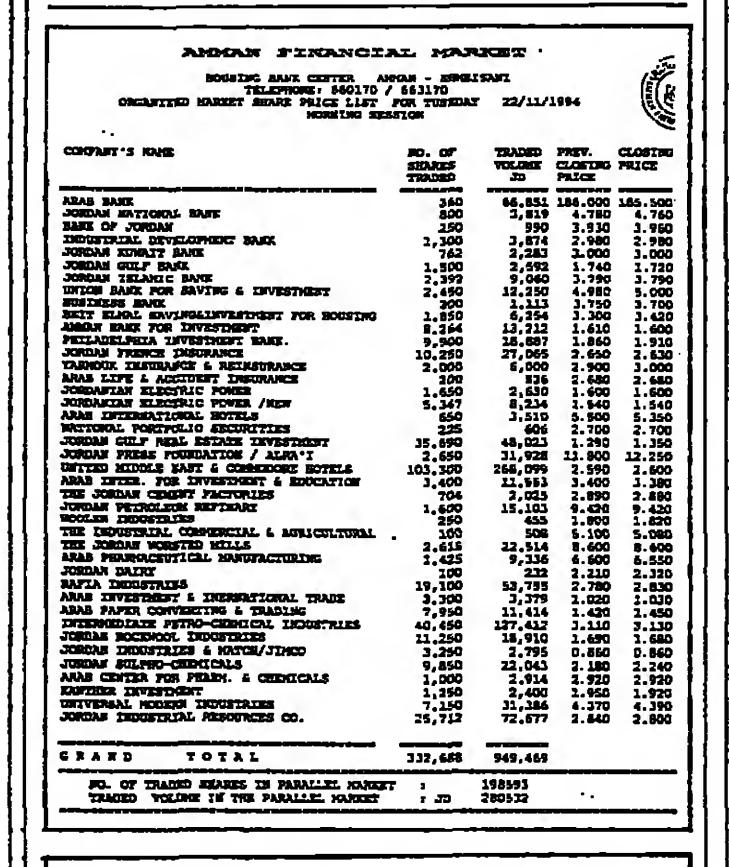
Inc. warned.

Lifetime employment is prevalent among the top 300to-400 companies in Japan. and the determination of these companies to keep workers employed has "often distorted their capital allocations decisions." and also 'forced them to engage in excess competition." Moody's said in a statement released Monday.

The companies personnel management strategies therefore continue to have a negative impact on their international competitiveness, it said.

Moody's noted that several recently emerged factors now threaren the viability of the system, such as the rapid expansion of Asian manufacturers, the "hollowing out" of the Japanese domestic industrial base, and the overexpansion of operations that took place during the "bubble years."

"Moody's believes many Japanese companies can no longer protect their employees by guaranteeing their employment and earnings, but "past examples indicate that swift labour adjustments are not likely unless companies experience prolonged periods of operation losses, the statement said.



LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

Canadian dollar

Deutschemarks

Dutch guilders

Belgian francs

French francs

Japanese yen

Danish crowns

Swedish crowns

Norwegian crowns

THE

Italian lire

Swiss francs

U.S. \$1.00 costs 1.3702'12 1.5522/32 1.7396:06 1.3150/60 31.92/96 5.3260/10 1595.8/6.8 98.17/27 7.3475/75 6.7920/70 6.0710/60 One sterling

51.5694/04 One ounce of gold \$383.50/383.90

The following is a new column summarising financial and economic news that appeared a day earlier in Jordan's Arabic dailies. The news is compiled by our economic editor Samir Shafiq Ghawi.

☆☆ Jordan has bought 50,000 tonnes of wheat from the United States under an export support programme. Delivery of the wheat, bought at \$170 per tonnel including insurance and transportation, will be around mid-December (Sawt Al Shaab).

* A brokerage company at the Amman Financial Market has borrowed about JD4 million, or eight times its capital of JD250,000, from two banks. One of the banks and its affiliated companies have a large stake in the capital of the brokerage company. Financial sources said the brokerage firm is seeking new loans to make massive purchases of shares (Sawt Al Shaab).

** Private sector investors are seriously considering setting up a free zone in Irbid or in the areas near the Jordan River Bridge, which was opened on Nov. 10. Justification for the scheme stems from the proximity between Haifa port and Irbid. The new role for Agaba to become the main port for Jordan and Israel for sea transport mainly to Central and East Asia was an added influence that weighed on the investors to look north and focus on Irbid (Al Aswaq).

** Israeli visitors were allowed to bring some fruits as "gifts" but, according to an official at the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, the amount was limited and not commercial. He stressed that Jordan will not import at present and for the next three months any foodstuffs noting: "There is not until now any agreement to regulate trade exchange with Israel." (Ad-Dustour).

कंके An official at the Ministry of Public Works said that the Zara-Ghor Haditheh road will be opened for traffic in mid-January. The 31.5-kilometre road cost JD11.5 million (Sawt Al Shaab).

**The number of returned cheques during the January-September period was 308,400 worth JD265.9 million which represents 3.57 per cent of the total amount of cheques presented for clearing. The total number of cheques cleared among local banks was 682,602 amounting to JD7,439.2 million during the same period (Al Ra'i).

* Labour Minister Khaled Ghazawi visited the battery factory in Marka and reviewed its problems which led to the closure of parts of the factory and the layoff of some workers. The minister also visited the Pepsi-Cola factory where he was briefed about the reasons to lay off some workers as a result of lower production during the winter season (Al Ra'i). ਸੇਸ਼ੇ Ministry of Supply inspectors have recorded a total of 1,119 violations during last month in all governorates. The ministry has referred all violators to the specialised courts (Al Ra'i).

** The Ministry of Supply has fixed (new) prices for second grade tissue paper and diapers and some types of meat imported from Germany (Al Ra'i). * A group of investors, banks and companies are finalising arrangements to launch a JD20 million company to invest in all economic sectors. Nine banks and financial companies will have JD4.250 million equity in the company, which will be known as The Arab Investors Company. Heading the founding committee is Housing Bank General Manager Zuhair Khoury (Al Aswaq).

** Flower production is expanding and many growers are complaining of unfair competition. The Kingdom's imports of flowers were until recently about JD20 million a year.

* Due to a typographical error, the date of establishment of the Amman Chamber of Commerce was given as 1993. The correct date should have read

Daily Business Beat | Afternoon daily Akher Khabar to be liquidated

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The company that published Jordan's first evening newspaper, Akher Khaber, will be liquidated but with no losses to any of the shareholders, according to a decision taken by its board of directors in coordination with the comptroller of companies.

While no party directly involved in the affair would confirm it, differences between the board of directors and the editorial staff headed by Basem Sakkijha were said to have led to the decision to liquidate The Akher Khaber

for Media Limited. Suggestions that financial troubles were behind the liquidation move were rejected outright by sources close to the company.

"Every stockholder will be repaid in full," said one source. "Not only that they would also get a share of the profits that the company made since it started operations." No detail was available on the profits of the JD1.7 million company.

The liquidation process is expected to be completed in a matter of weeks since there is no financial wrangle involved, according to the source. "It is going to be a quick process, and shareholders could get paid after one week," added the source, who did not want to be identified.

The company was formally set up early this year under an arrangement worked out among a local bank, businessmen and the editorial staff several months after Akher Khaber, a 32-page colour tabloid, hit the streets in October 1993 under a license secured by Mr. Sakkijha.

The last issue of the news-

paper, which used to appear around midnoon everyday except Fridays, was published on Oct. 1. Since then, the board of directors was trying to find a formula to solve the "crisis," said the source.

Details of the "crisis" were not clear, but it appeared that the editorial staff and the board of directors, headed by Dr. Asad Abdul Rahman. differed on editorial policy and the material that appeared in the paper and hence unable to work

together. Dr. Abdul Rahman was not immediately available for comment. Mr. Sakkijha reached over the phone by the Jordan Times, would only say that "there were differences" and that he intended to set up a "private company" to resume publication of Akher

Khaber. At its peak, Akher Khaber used to employ about 30 editorial staff, including reporters, and another 40 involved in the technical side of operations and distribution of the paper, which used to be printed at the Jordan Press Foundation, which publishes Al Ra'i and the Jordan

Times. The paper started off with printing about 20,000 copies every day before bringing it down about 15,000 copies priced at 100 fils each.

According to the sources, the Amman Bank for Investments was the largest stockholder in the company.

The sources said some of the stockholders who had furnished guarantees on behalf of Mr. Sakkijha to the bank, which had initially extended a large loan to him to start the paper, had filed a lawsuit and that Mr. Sakkijha himself was planning a counter case in court.

Arab Gulf states warn Europe on chemical sale curbs

European Union (EU) they petrochemical empire. would respond to any curb on sales from their booming petrochemical industry. But a regional think tank said exports were headed only one way — up.

The Gulf Cooperation Council's (GCC) Abdullah Al Quwaiz said new trade rules due to come into force

DOHA (R) — Arab Gulf in the EU would restrict sales states Monday warned the from the Gulf's dominated

> Mr. Quwaiz referred to the January 1995 introduction of a new Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) under the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) signed earlier this year. "We believe the proposed

changes for the GSP will lead to restriction of trade and put up new barriers against our exports to the European Uhion, with a view to ensuring the survival of old plants of high production cost." said Mr. Quwaiz. GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs.

He spoke at a petrochemical conference in Oatar. The GCC also includes Saudi Arabia. Kuwait. Bahrain. United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Exports are an especially important issue for GCC states since they account for 80 per cent of production compared to a world average for producer countries of 25 per cent. Gulf states account for about five per cent of world output.







Professional Quality in SELECT Hod Superior Hotel Services for 1 Hour Service Develop your colour film # Businessmen & Families &-its our shop and get:-NeGrEsCo BaR . JUMBO photo ❸ Good Drinks & size 30% larger Execlent Snacks

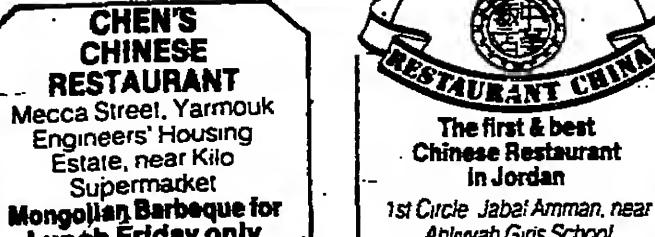
SELECT HOTEL

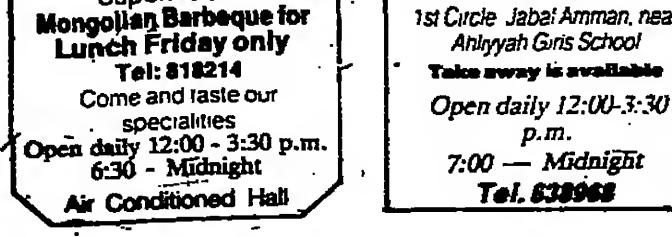
A SECURE

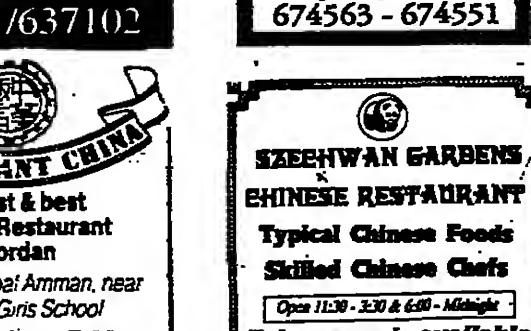
'LAT.OTEL

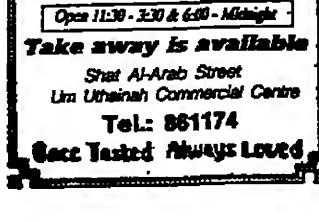
. Free enlarge Open Noons ment 20 x 30 cm & Evenings Shmeisani - Opp. Grindleys. Bank. Phone: 604042 Swefieb tel: 823891

Jabal Al Webdeh/Tel.637101/637102









Quality Furnished Flats

CHYSTAL

One and two Bedrooms

Reasonable Rates For

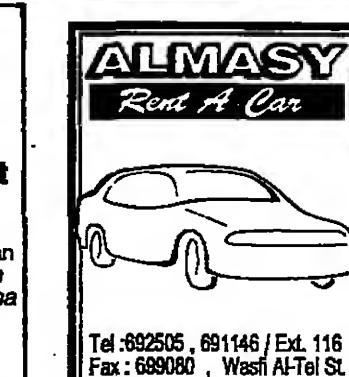
Short or Long Stay

5th Circle





Deir Ghbar - American Embassy Str. near Baytuna Housing Estate Open from: 12 noon - 3:30 p.m. 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. Tel.: 861838



Abu Harb commercial center

Second floor

The Classiest Of

The Classiest!

MM Coo. !

Restaurant

Italian + Med Cuisine

v.ed:yeh - 883944

1st Division Basketball Championship

Ahli clash with Orthodoxi today in 1st round final

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — It's time again for the most awaited basketball match of the Kingdom, when all-time rivals Al Ahli and Al Orthodoxi clash Wednesday in the first-round final of the First Division Basketball Championship.

Both teams enter the match with an unbeaten record after winning their five matches. However Al Ahli lead the standings on score difference.

This year's match is reminiscent of the top two teams' matches throughout the eighties, when Al Orthodoxi would play the match almost certain of winning the title. However, it is now Al Ahli who are confident of retaining their third consecutive crown.

Al Orthodoxi are now in a transitional phase where many experienced older players have quit the team while their younger lineup was not prepared to take

The former champions, who had an undisputed reign on the country's basketball scene from '1976-1989, mainly depended on the individual efforts of top players especially Murad Barakat. Therefore the team lost ground to their all time rivals as Barakat lost form during the past three years and quit the team last

Barakat is now coaching the team, hoping that his players will at least firmly hold on to runner up position until they are ready to reclaim their crown. They last won the title in 1991.

On the other hand, the Ahli camp have had the most consistent and serious training season with over 18 top players taking part. These include all time stars



Al Ahli's Naser Bushnaq goes for a layup while teammate Walid Badran (right) and Orthodoxi's Jihad Saliba (left) look on during the 1993 championship final (File photo)

Marwan Ma'touq, Samir Murqus, Yousef Zaghloul. Naser Bushnaq an abundant lineup of younger, energetic players like Marwan Al Sa'eedi, Walid Badran, Mohammad and Taimour Shamali, Zeid Alkhas, and many others who are determined to hold

on to the championship for years to come. The team had impressive results against most opponents and were held under the 100-point mark only against Al Jazireh and Al Jalil. They are led by their Russian coach Alexander Sasha who was instrumental in altering their style that enabled them to clinch the title away from Al Orthodoxi in 1990 and win it again in 1992 and 1993. Last year Al Ahli beat Al Onthodoxi 75-69 and 70-60 to clinch the title.

Despite being underman-

ned for the first time in a decade, Al Orthodoxi demonstrated that they are still a formidable force backed by the presence of Hilal Barakat, the team's undisputed star who is carrying the whole burden of scoring for his team in the absence of his elder brother. Hilal scored 59 points in Al Orthodoxi's 92-75 over Al Jazireh.

Al Jazireh's plans for second place this season were upset by their 17-point loss to Al Orthodoxi. They will thus have to be content with third place for the third consecutive year, unless they defeat Al Ortho-

second round! Al Jazireh have one match left against Homent-

doxi by over 17 points in the

men Wednesday. Al Jalil, a fourth place finisher for the past two years, seem set to stay in their same position for another year after losing 73-69 to Al Jazireh. They might however take third place if they beat Al Jazireh

with over 4 points in the second round.

Despite their defeats, Al Jalil have appeared to be a highly competitive team denying the titleholders their first win under the 100point mark when Al Ahli won 96-69, the first half ending 43-33.

As the top four teams are almost certain to retain their standings, the same cannot be said of the other three teams, whose ambition seems to be limited to

keeping their place among the prestigious group. In an effort to upgrade the standard of competition, the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) last year promoted only one team from the second division instead of the usual two. making the number of competing teams seven for the first time. However, this year two teams will be relegated, and only one will be promoted, reducing the number to six as of next

season. This year, Homentmen became the first of the two teams to be relegated after failing to score the necessary number of at least three wins.

Homentmen will have to defeat Al Hussein with a score difference of over 14 points and Al Watani with 26 in order to avoid relegation, a difficult feat to achieve.

Meanwhile Al Hussein pushed Al Watani to the brink of relegation after scoring vital 79-76 win in Irbid Sunday.

Al Watani, a fifth place finisher after defeating Al Hussein in double overtime last year, had hoped to advance their standing after a good training programme with their new Iraqi coach Mohammad Al Najjar, who was previously at Al Ortho-

The fact that the team now finds itself fighting for their place in the division rather than achieve an advanced standing has undoubtedly upset the players and fans especially after their loss to Al Hussein. Al Watani's only win was

over Homentmen. They will have to repeat that result and overcome Al Hussein with over 4 points in the second round to avoid relegation.

The second round of the competition begins Nov. 26 and ends with the second Ahli-Orthodoxi final Dec.

SPORTS IN BREIF

Maradona wants to play again

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Diego Maradona Monday BUENOS AIRES (R) — Diego Maradona Monday changed his mind and now says he wants to play professional soccer again. "I would like to play for Boca (Jrs) in September," when his 15-month suspension for failing a drugs test at the World Cup expires, he told a load radio station. His interviewer then gave the microphone again to Boca Jrs vice-president Carlos Heller, whom he had just interviewed. Having Maradona in the team "is a dream all of us have," a surprised Heller said. "Any time," was Maradona's quick response. "Just give me a ring and we Maradona's quick response. "Just give me a ring and we get together."

Wimbledon profits boost

LONDON (AFP) - Wimbledon, the world's most famous tennis tournament, made a record profit of 28 million pounds this year, a staggering 70 per cent increase on the previous record of £16.4 million set in 1993. This is a major boost for British tennis. as all of the surplus is given to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) for reinvestment in the game in Britain. Some of the money is intended to add more international tournaments to the domestic calender, while some will go towards extending the season beyond the traditional summer months. In addition, more experienced coaches will be employed to improve the standards of junior players, and elite training centres are being created round the country.

Schmeichel left behind

MANCHESTER (AFP) — Peter Schmeichel has lost his fight to play in Manchester United's crucial Champions' League contest with IFK Gothenburg Wednesday. The Danish goalkeeper, desperate to return to the side after being dropped in Barcelona could also miss United's next two domestic games. "We've had to leave him behind, unfortunately," said manager Alex Ferguson. "He hasn't recovered from his back injury and the doctor has now told him to rest for seven to 10 days." "With Roy Keane and Ryan Giggs also out, that's three foreigners or assimilated players that we're missing and it makes the selection simpler," he said.

Italy face Dutch test in volleyball final

TOKYO (AFP) - World champion Italy lived up to its pre-tournament promise by beating the United States in four sets Tuesday to gain a final match against the Netherlands. It will be a rematch of the world championship final, which the Italians took in four sets. Andrea Zorzi fired 26 winners out of 40 attempts to collect two points and 24 for side-out, leading the Italians to a 3-1 (15-11, 11-15, 15-11, 15-7) victory. The Americans, the bronze medallists in the world championship in Athens last month, led 11-7 in the third set after spliting the first two. but the Italians then took eight consecutive points to set up victory. "Our players were very tired and had many problems in service reception," said Italian Coach Julio Velasco. "The Americans attacked very fast and quick, so we needed to improve the timing for blocking. I think that made the difference." In the other semi-finals, the Netherlands used their height advantage and power to beat hosts Japan 3-0 (15-8, 15-12, 15-10).

Sampras, Edberg sign for pre-Open exhibition

MELBOURNE (AP) — Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Michael Stich all will play in an exhibition tennis tournament in Melbourne the week before the Australian Open. Tournament promoter Colin Stubs said Tuesday that he also hopes to sign American Michael Chang and Cedric Pioline of France to complete the field for the eight-man Colonial Mutual Classic, which will be played at Kooyong from Jan. 11-14. The exhibition immediately precedes the Australian Open, which runs from Jan. 16-29 at the nearby National Tennis

Giants edge Oilers

HOUSTON (R) — David Treadwell kicked a 37-year field goal with two seconds left to lift the New York Giants to a 13-10 victory over the Houston Oilers Monday. Just before the game-winning kick, Houston's Al Del Greco kicked a 43-yard field goal with four minutes left in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 10-10. Treadwell had kicked a 26-yard field goal to give the Giants a 10-7 lead. The Giants (4-7) broke a seven-game losing streak in spoiling the NFL coaching debut of Jeff Fisher. Houston (1-10), which has the worst record in the league, lost for the seventh straight

Ex-champ threatens to kill manager

DETROIT (AFP) - Police hewre plan no charges against former world super-middleweight boxing champion James Toney, who stormed out of his mother's home with a gun. Sunday vowing to kill his former manager. Toney was interviewed by police Monday after officers spent the night watching the homes of manager Jackie Kallen. "He said he had said some things, he was distraught and would just rather let it go," West Bloomfield Township police chief Ron Cronin said. "At this point the case is closed." Toney who lost a unanimous decision to Roy Jones in an International Boxing Federation (IBF) title fight Friday, told an area radio station Monday that he had been ill and overweight but had been pressured into fighting by Kallen.

India choose grass for Davis Cup clash

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India have chosen grass for their Davis Cup playoff match against Hong Kong in February. The Asia-Oceania Zone Group I playoff tie will take place February 3-5 on the grass courts of Calcutta's South Club. the All-India Tennis Association said Tuesday. Indian number one Leander Paes is expected to head the Indian squad. India tumbled out of the elite 16-team Davis Cup World Group in September when they were defeated 3-2 by South Africa in Jaipur.

U.S. Major League Soccer to begin in '96

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A Japanese model for success plus financial support from European and Asian investors has helped sustain United States dreams for an elite football league.

Organisers of Major League Soccer (MLS). FIFA's planned follow-up to this year's World Cup, have studied the Japanese League and found British and Japanese funding when support from U.S. firms was

lacking. MLS is now scheduled to begin in 1996 with 10 teams — one year later and two clubs fewer than originally planned.

"From the beginning we have said it's more important to do it right than on a pre-arranged timetable," MLS president and World Cup chairman Alan Rothenberg said.

"It would be wonderful to do it the way they did in Japan. They had a league and teams before they even have a World Cup. But, realistical-

ly, it could never have happened that way in this coun-

What could happen is a marketing blitz similar to the one which preceded the Japanese league. Souvenirs with the logos of such clubs as Hiroshima Sanfrecce, A-S Flugels and Nagoya Grampus Eight were widely available before teams ever played.

"One of the things we did was look at the success of the J-League in Japan," Rothenberg said.

"Long before there was a game played, there was product on the shelves. With the time for development, we can get things into people's

MLS hopes to own every franchise and have financial backers on a league level. But low support forced Rothenberg into a more common team-owner format for at least half of the league. "It's nice to say what you could have done and should

have done," Rothenberg

Thomases. They were going to wait and see if the World Cup was successful or not." "If you think in that environment we could have raised enough money to put out a pro league, you're crazy. We had to silence the

"We had a lot of Doubting

critics first." As a result, teams for the most likely successful U.S. cities — New Jersey, Los Angeles and Washington have been sold to ownerinvestors.

The team in the U.S. capital will be managed by a division of the Sponsorship Group, a British-based sports marketing and television production business.

"Our company put a great deal of money at risk believing the U.S. market was ready to embrace soccer," said Kevin Payne, general manager for the API-owned club. "That turned out to be a very prudent investment. We're convinced the U.S. is

Japanese investors have also bought into MLS. 'although Rothenberg would give no details about them. "We have a group of companies from Japan, which (at their request) I can't give you the identity of until after the first of the year," Rothenberg said.

The Japanese group does not intend to operate a team, Rothenberg said, but he had no objections to such a plan. Japanese investors already own portions of baseball's Seattle Mariners and ice bockey's Tampa Bay Light-

"We've been more reactive than pro-active," Rothenberg said. "When investors overseas have indicated an interest, we've been happy to work with them."

MLS plans teams in Los Angeles, Washington, Chicago, New Jersey, Boston, San Jose, Tampa and Columbus, Ohio and two other undetermined U.S. cities.

Sabatini moves up in rankings

MIAMI (AFP) - Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini, coming off her first tournament crown since May of 1992, moved up two places to seventh in the final 1994 WTA world singles rankings released Monday.

Davenport 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, in New York Sunday at the \$3.5 million WTA Championships. but Davenport, a U.S. 18-year-old, moved up one position to sixth to remain ahead of Sabatini in the season points race.

"I do believe that, espe-

cially if I play the way I did this week, I believe that very much," Sabatini said. "I'm in the right age to be there, where I have reached my peak. I think I have very good chances." The top five ranked players

Milan, Manchester United face moment of truth Mary Pierce.

Martina Navratilova, who retired after the New York event, fell two positions to eighth, followed by Japan's Kimiko Date and Natalia Zvereva of Belarus, who also

fell two places from the previous week. Sabatini defeated Lindsay . Steffi Graf (Germany) 354.45 points

2. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spain) 311.70 Sabatini said after he

triumph that reaching the world number one ranking remains her goal, and one she considers well within reach.

remained unchanged, with world number one Steffi Graf of Germany followed by Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez, Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic and France's

3. Conchita Martinez (Spain) 180.21 4. Jana Novotna (Czech Republic) 164.09 5. Mary Pierce (France)

6. Lindsay Davenport (USA) 141.72 7. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 138.15

8. Martina Navratilova (USA) 134.60 9. Kimiko Date (Japan) 10. Natalia Zvereva (Belarus) 123.98 11. Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria) 94189

12. Anke Huber (Germany) 13. Iva Majoli (Croatia) 14. Mary Joe Fernandez

scarcely been better and deis our most important game PARIS (R) — Yesterday, ali their month, said: "When I feat to Ajax would probably and Paolo Maldini attack of the season, manager Alex -شقق مفروشة للإيجار FOR RENT put paid to their chances of a Ferguson said. "On the back down the flanks, we always MODERN FURNISHED APARTMENTS

of AC Milan'sa troubles seemed so far away. Now it looks as though

they're here to stay — especially if they lose to Ajax Amsterdam in the Champions' League Wednesday. Manchester United could well be singing the same refrain if they fail to beat IFK

night of soccer action which may leave the European Cup bereft of its two precompetition favourites. Six months ago, such a scenario would have defied

Gothenburg in Sweden on a

belief. Milan had won the European title with pride and panache in an inspirational 4-0 annihilation of mighty Barcelona, a club performance which soared to heights not seen since Real Madrid's _ glory days more than 30 years

Manchester United had majestically completed a rare English League and Cup double with a 4-0 thrashing of Chelsea in the final and their tomorrows seemd set for the conquest of Europe.

Suddently, neither is half the team it used to be. Milan have spluttered in the Italian League and are already way out of touch with the leaders. Their Champions' League form has place in the quarter-finals. Manchester United have

returned to the top of the English Premier League but still lack the style and conviction they showed last season and their 4-0 reverse against Barcelona three weeks ago indicated they may be short of top European class.

Neither is helped by a run of bad luck with injuries, a sign of the mounting pressure produced on top clubs by an ever-mushrooming soccer calendar.

Milan, who have to play in Trieste because they are banned from using the San Siro Stadium since Salzburg keeper Otto Konard was struck by a bottle thrown from the crowd in October, face Ajax without Montenegrin forward Dejan Savicevic, hero of the Barcelona massacre in

Midfield motor Demetrio Albertini is also doubtful with a muscle injury sustained when playing for Italy last week.

But Milan are still confident they can keep their heads above water and join Ajax, who lead Group D, in

the last eight. Right back Christian Panucci, who scored twice against AEK Athens earlier

cause problems for opponents. Ajax are a side that play an open game and it ought to be even easier for us against them."

Manchester United travel to Sweden without Danish. goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, Welsh winger Ryan Giggs and Irish midfielder Roy Keane, all injured. Their absence leaves man-

ager Alex Ferguson without the usual problem of deciding which foreign players to leave out and injuries to England's Lee Sharpe and Paul Parker have reduced his choice even Fortunately, his French

forward Eric Cantona is back after a four-match ban and he and on-form winger Andrei Anchelskis could yet prove to be match-winners.

"We're all aware that this

of what was a disappointing performance in Barcelona we've got something to prove to ourselves. But the English club's diffi-

culties are compounded by the thought that a draw is unlikely to be enough as it would leave the Swedes and Barcelona needing only to tie their final head-to-head to guarantee the two qualifying places in Group A. Barcelona travel to Turkey to play Galatasaray and may

leave out Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov and bring in Romanian midfielder Gheorghe Hagi instead. Two leading French strikers are back from injury on opposing sides in the main match of Group B with Jean-

Pierre Papin, who broke his

hand in training last week,

appearing for Bayern Munich

against Paris St. Germain.

FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT

First floor. Consists of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, two salons, utilities, telephone, garage and central heat-Location: Shmeisani, Abu Sufyan Street, behind Marriott

Hotel and near Cipal Flower Shop. For information please call 563256 - home or 664599 - office

15. Brenda Schultz (Netherlands) 76.95.

★ Studio of one bedroom, K & B. ★ One bedroom living room K & B. · ★ Two bedrooms, living-dining room K & B. Central heating and telephones. Location: Jabal Amman bet. 3rd & 4th Circles. Owner Tel.: 667862/642351

Indian celebration

The Indian community in Jordan celebrates Guru Nanak Jayanti on Friday, Nov. 25, at the premises of the Embassy of India. All Indian nationals and spouses are welcome to the 12 noon to 2 p.m.; event, which will include a "langur."

FOR RENT

Two flats opposite each other on the first floor.

Every flat is composed of three bedrooms, one living room, big reception room, kitchen, three bathrooms, terrace, and a garage. The building is new. The area for every flat is 185 sq.m.

For more information, please contact Jabal Amman, Third Circle - next to German Cultural Centre.

Tel. - 647471 (after two p.m.)

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you 46 ∇1095 010752 4AK762 The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ° Dbl 3 ° ?

What action do you take? Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you #AQ92 7J CAQ #AK10742 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South Pass 4 ∇ What action do you take?

Q.3.—Both vulnerable, as South ♦72 7J10662 0K7 ♣J1097 The hidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 2 Dbl 2 4

What action do you take? Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East Page 14 20 What action do you take? Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you 4AQ106 VK1073 OK 4QJ82

#82 7J8 VJ10 #EQJ10785
The bidding has proceeded:

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South

North East South West

-Two-suited takeout

What do you bid now?

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass I C Pass Pase 1 + Pass What do you bid now?

Sports

Martina Navratilova

NEW YROK (R) — Re-

tired tennis greats Chris

Evert and Martina Navrati-

lova will resume their

legendary rivalry as part of

a women's Legends Tour in

1995, tour sponsors Virgi-

nia Slims announced Mon-

In addition to Evert, who

retired in 1989, and Navra-

tilova, who played her last

tournament at the Virginia

Slims Championships last

week, 10 other former

champions will take part in

each stop on the senior

Women's professional

tennis pioneers Billie Jean

King, Rosie Casals, Virgi-

nia Wade, Evonne Goola-

gong, Bette Stove and

Frankie Durr have already

INFANBUL (R) — Records

keep tumbling for Turkey's

"I will not quit until the

Olympics in Atlanta in

1996," he said after winning

his eighth world title before a

delirious home crowd in

best," said International

Weightlifting Federation

but considering my recent

(groin) injury I would not

have done so well today with-

out the support of the

Seemingly unbeatable, 64-

kg Suleymanoglu's only

potential rival could be com-

man first put his country on

the world sporting map in

1988 by lifting three times his

bodyweight to win Turkey's

first Olympic gold in 20

He won again in 1992 and

He is now accompanied by

an army of medal-winning

teammates, most notably the

even tinier Halil Mutlu.

another world record-

breaker, who won gold in the

"People's attitude changed

when I came along." he told

Reuters. "Turkish sportsmen

would go along as tourists to

international competitions.

Now they go believing that

they can win gold. There has

kish weightlifting," said Mut-

iu, Bulgarian-born like

Suleymanoglu, who to Tur-

played no part in his stunning

Cinema

Suleymanoglu says drugs

"He is the architect of Tur-

been a revolution."

key in 1989.

anywav."

wants an unprecedented third

The 1.52-metre muscle-

"I believe I can do better,

president Gottfried School.

"Naim is undisputedly the

my Naim Suleymanoglu,

in his 12th year on the

world weightlifting scene.

Istanbul Sunday.

crowd," he said.

title in 1996.

54 kg on Friday.

to play again

41 ... Diego Maradona Monda the sale a for to allie to being bittel Cellin allel like for print for How is the light ge eile falleite. jie teefet is jerief tydit ge eile falleite. jie teefet is jerief tydi ge eile falleite. jie teefet is jerief to yleg eilet. so. bank Their Burch the Biegenieffentle gegille their kure strifts reflectublic perille Attendant to the terminal of the new the ed Meller entel the internal aniste the fire the a time and the

its boost

Fritthe har the world among William of the state to the state of the sta Part : Cle ! C. et al. S. f. 2.2. 151 f. 1 C. et al. 151 f. f. f. 2.2.1 151 f. f. et al. 151 f. f. f. et al. 151 f. et g mygning of the last being the confidence of th as all of the outside to the outside heart to four acres element to the good the mounted to intermited in all Stratter for the chancel of colonder entite tractions the second behind fremitte la achterie marc expen-EMilagrafust for intilaring a spent the state transmission with the ore being

behind

Porter So little solver has best be herier Chief's chief Champing 13 h Cariffernitung Wednesday The experme to termen in the ordering अनुनाराज्य करनाराह्य वर्षात्मन (1912) । mited 2 utb the first to be being being statiages New Yearstown "He hasn't A contest acceptable described has now told iss its class." With Res Keane and that a three forestructs or assumble missing the pattern in their gleiches

test in volleyball final

fortid champion italy used up to g ise he beating the United States E e gain a front much against the he a remark in the world chan the Haliston towns in their some Andrew ent ent est der attennerte in collect the heunt, frachne the finians to a hi 15 4) sections its interneurs the se would charmaconstop in Athensis e third are after soil the the first me suk eight commentee i contemed to re were very tree and had man reception. Sand House Couch like cann aftacked on a test and quick g e the limits the completion the In the other are trads the Netherwas to heather ist acleaistage 12, 15 191.

sign for pre-Open exhibition

Stefan Edberg and Michael Suball ilion tennis louiname " - McAume -comore terminal and a report promo-Inesidae that he are the sign hang and Cohec l'e graved at Kinnene burner 1994 elistrife jugge guten that I am and the lera based Frenchertt kinker. he forth for left the two is to the expectations m fifemantenen giberem bei ber beiten A House the Ville on the Court giffe Kerair ingengeben attie me letter les actions le production give the business of the free course

games kinds steeds and the state of the off Figher House to the which the the league less the die one in strait

satems to kill manager Petting farmer with the second and here the bearing the late

familia en bien bereiter. Die gegenatif a feet Auf fire Tonteten mille r Mender after ell e of matager take here

At this period the concentration Sapings the fairth in the second al Lodenstow (1917) latent Minister Chair imput puraturations

grass for Davis Cup clash Fig. Called has been a second and the first match egainer Horiz 8 French Controlling to the second

e gram course of the contract क्षेत्र विकास राज्यक्षा । वा Est sest totales greighte berg Mitter in the State of the Sta n laguer

OREN BRIDGE

Erkly Butter 1 of t

李净数《母母

Water ?

The same

医医生性气毒症

HEAR!

Theist p

MAN.

ا ساء

Martin Paris

16 --

I AX

IL CAN

102

l'mad

2 6 2

Water 19

; 🛊

在 电磁性 (14)

SE-ELA

tra kilos should be banned for The tiny man who lifts mountains says freak talent

and work really hard," he said. "I used to watch lifters on television when I was 10. I always wanted to be like them. Slowly I began to believe I could be. I once said "I'll be first one day," every-

one laughed.

"I first remember lifting 25 kilos. I was 12. It was just an exhibition event, but I was ecstatic."

signed up as have Hana

Mandlikova, Wendy Turn-

buil and former number

one Tracy Austin, who at

31 is the baby of the group.

- Evert, who turns 40 next

month, will paly the 38-

year-old Navratilova in a

singles shoot-out competi-

tion each of the six

weekends of the tour.

Evert said the players tak-

ing part are "all the players

that gave me fits on the

Said the 51-year-old

King: "Even though we're

going to have a ton of fun,

we're still going to be com-

and I have been practicing

all week we're so nervous.

Tiny Turk looks to Atlanta

"In fact, Rosie (Casals)

petitive.

Navratilova, Evert to reunite in Legends Tour

Born in 1967 to a poor ethnic Turkish family in former Communist Bulgaria, Suleymanogly burst onto the world scene at 16 as a featherweight and began destroying records before defecting to Turkey at the 1986 worlds in Melbourne.

Squashing speculation he could not win without Bulgarian training, he claimed gold and set three world records at the 1988 Seoul Olympics to become a hero in his adopted homeland.

"Bulgaria was the best place for weightlifting when I began," he said. "Sport was a Communist showcase, When we took home the golds people began to check their maps to find Bulgaria. But now it is collapsing around their ears. All their current stars are my generation. Then there is no

Virginia Slims

announced the Legends

Tour one day after its 25-

years of sponsorship of the

regular women's tennis

tour came to an end. A

spokeswoman for Virginia

Slims said they had decided

go in a different direction,

taking advantage of the

nostalgia craze by reuniting

the early stars of the pro-

Each weekend will kick

off with a concert on the

Friday headlined by legen-

dary rhythm and blues star

Gladys Knight and country

music star Barbara Man-

Dates have not been

finalised but the tour will

hit Tampa, Florida, Char-

lotte, North Carolina,

fessional circuit.

drell.

Richmond, Virginia, Okla-

homa City, Houston and

Some of the proceeds

will go to benefit the

National AIDS Fund in

each community where the

"I always throught there

wold be an opportunity to

do this," Casals said. "I

think it will grow from six

markets to a lot bigger and

could become like the PGA

Navratilova was asked

"The regular tour is

Lisets

world record

ISTANBUL (R) -- China's

Li Hongyun set a world

snatch record in the

women's 64 kg category at

the World Weightlifting

Championships Tuesday,

Li broke the record of

Li went on to lift a world

103.5 set by Lei Li in the

Asian Games in Hiroshima

record 125.5 in the jerk and

then improved the mark to

130.0 for a world record

The previous jerk record

of 125.0 was set by compat-

riof Lei Li in December

1993 in Shilong. The pre-

vious total record, also held

He'll take it!

by Lei, stood at 227.5.

in October this year.

lifting 105.0 kg.

total 235.0.

why she had decided to sign

up for more tennis so soon

pretty businesslike," she

said. "But we're going to

Senior Tour some day."

tour stops.

after retiring.

have a blast."

Delray Beach, Florida.

When he arrived, Turks showered Suleymanoglu with flats, cars, money and adulation, but he has not always had it easy.

He campaigned for two years to win permission for his family to leave Bulgaria. He had to learn Turkish properly to continue his education, as well as train in an unfamiliar environment.

"When I first came here I had to take exams for everything," he said. "I got into university in Bulgaria, but here I had to re-take the high school diploma. I had to rake up an interview I did in a Bulgarian paper that mentioned my university place to avoid more exams here. re-took my driving test and failed the written part first go as my Turkish was bad."

Suleymanoglu has not been back to Bulgaria for security

"I have never regretted defecting," he said. "But I would like to go back and see the place where I was born. If you've lived 19 years in one place it is difficult to cut

FURNISHED FIRST FLOOR FLAT FOR RENT

Location: Abdoun 300m from Fifth Circle. 3 main bedrooms, 21/2 bathrooms, one maid's room with bathroom. laundry room, washer-drier. Central A/C, tel., video. TV and satellite stn. Free hot and cold water. Can use garden for parties.

Contact owner Tel. 818960

TWO APARTMENTS FOR SALE

wo adjacent apartments for sale, top fourth floor with lift each independent heating, central antenna, solid wood kitchens, marble floors, car parks and services, satellite station 3M dish, overlooking. One apartment 210 M2 consisting of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, maids room, large living area.

Aamodt, Tomba, Girardelli battle as Alpine skiing season begins

PARIS (AFP) — The new Alpine skiing World Cup season gets underway this weekend, with the talents of Alberto Tomba and Kjetil-Andre Aamodt overshadowed by a row

with the sport's ruling body. The row stems from the high-speed crash which killed Ulrike Maier during a downhill race at Garmisch-Partenkirchen last January.

The Australian's death sent shockwaves through the sport and led to legal action by her partner, who claimed that organisers had failed to ensure proper levels of safety. Now the ruling International Ski Federation is insisting that skiers sign a document absolving the FIS of responsibility for injury or death, before they are given an

international ski licence. But the move has drawn a mixed response from national federations — with the French accepting, the Italians refusing and the others demanding more time.

FIS president Marc Hodler said: "The text has been approved by the (FIS) council and there is no question of us going back on it. If the skiers refuse to sign, they will not be

allowed to compete in FIS events. "But at the same time, they must understand that it's a dangerous sport and that the organisers cannot be held responsible for an accident if they themselves have done nothing wrong." However, the Italian federation which is hosting the

opening men's events at sestriere this weekend, said last week it had not asked its athletes to sign such a disclaimer. It also called on the FIS to take a fresh look at the issue. Assuming that the differences are settled, and that the World Cup is not suddenly placed in jeopardy, the battle between Aamodt, Tomba and Marc Girardelli should take

its rightful pride of place. Aamodt must be favoured to defend his overall World Cup title, his bitter-sweet performance at the Lillehammer Olympics proving that he is clearly the best all-round skier at the moment.

The Norwegian faield to win a gold medal before his home crowd, but silver in the downhill and combined, plus a bronze in the super-giant slalom showed he was undoubtedly the man to beat. Tomba "La Bomba" who had only a slalom silver to

show for his Olympics, remains the most charismatic man on and off the piste. His undeniable ski talents, combined with a playboy image, ensure he remains a crowd favourite. However, so long as the Italian continues to avoid the

speed events — downhill and Super-G — he represents only a limited threat in the race for the overall title. That he managed to finish third last season is some testament to his domination of the slalom World Cup.

He gets a chance to demonstrate those skills at Sestriere Sunday evening, when the Italian resort hosts a floodlit version of the slalom race which Tomba won last season. Girardelli, 31, who just edged Aamodt for the 1993

crown, totting up 1,347, will definitely be back to avenge his defeat earlier this year. The Austrian-born veteran, w' kis for Luxembourg, celebrates his 15th season on the World Cup circuit. . If the sport's leading trio take most of the limelight, the rest could be shared out among another threesome -

Slovenian Jure Kosir, American Olympic hero Tommy Moe and Austria's Gunther Mader. Kosir is fast-emerging as a slalom racer, finishing third at Lillehammer and third in the slalom World Cup last season, while speed-merchant Moe is out to prove that his Olympic downhill title and super-G silver were no fluke.

Both in their early 20s, the pair are part of the new wave in the sport. Mader, 30, and fourth in overall standings for the past two years, is a proven race winner with no fewer than 10 World Cup titles in the different disciplines. However, he

starts the season with Achilles tendon trouble. The women's World Cup, which opens at Park City, Utah this weekend, looks set be another duel between Switzerland's Vreni Schneider and Swede Pernilla Wiberg

- with German Katja Seizinger in the wings. Schneider took the slalom events by storm last season, winning eight of the 10 World Cup races and the Olympic

title in Lillehammer. More recently, she has been grounded by a knee operation which prevented her from training for four weeks

and which has made its presence felt during giant slalom runs in Keystone, Colorado. Wiberg is aiming for the overall title among others and claims she bears no mental scars from a bad fall last

season at Vail, Colorado. "It would be nice to win a World Cup gold medal in slalom," she said.

"I don't have one. And no Swede has won a World Cup medal in the speed events — that's why it would be extra fun with a World Cup medal in the Super-G or downhill,"

Sochi hopes to stage 2002 Winter Games which were last held in the One western style luxury

MOSCOW (R) — Residents of Russia's Black Sea-resort of Sochi have backed plans to stage the 2002 Winter Olympics and local officials said Monday the city's chances were good.

"We have the best snow in the world and beautiful scenery," Sochi information officer Igor Sisov told Reuters by

telephone. "We are sure that we will

be on the short-list this January, and if we are not first when the final decision is made in June we will make an immediate bid for the Olympics in 2006." He said 75 per cent of

participants in a weekend referendum on whether Sochi should host the Games had voted "yes. Turnout was 25.68 per cent, just above the 25 per cent threshold needed

for the vote to be valid. Sochi, which straggles for miles along Russia's Black Sea coast, is better known as a summer playground for generations of the Soviet elite than as a winter sports resort.

It is one of nine cities

resort to stage the Games.

Lunch Invitation Terino

- Confront him at TEFINO

It's distracting Ritzy but fun

Norwegian resort of Lillehammer earlier this year. The next Games are in Nagano, Japan, in 1998. Sochi's own mountain re-

sort at Krasnaya Polyana currently boasts one small hotel and a few rope tow ski lifts but Sisov said Russian and foreign firms were lining up to build the facilities needed for the world's biggest winter sports event.

"We needed to build six

big sporting facilities and, if we are given the go-ahead, they will be built well in advance," he said. "We already have a queue of firms waiting to participate."

The city had hotel accommodation for 100,000 visitors, more than enough for the event, he added.

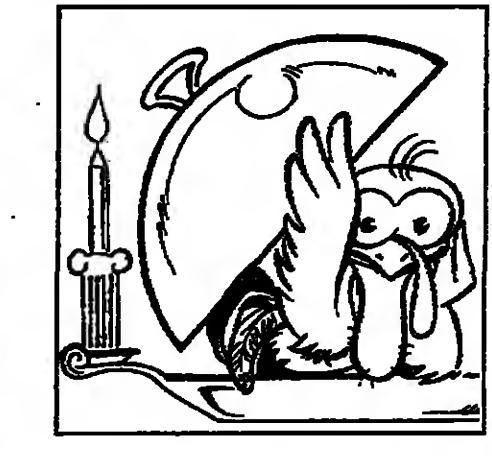
Sochi's hotels include guest houses and sanatoria which were built for groups and individuals in Soviet days.

hotel was opened earlier this "There have been sad experiences for the International Olympic Committee in the past when local residents

in their cities," Sisov said. "The referendum shows that this will not be the case here. The Russian Olympic Committee is sending a letter to Lansanne with the results of our referendum."

opposed holding the Games

Thanksgiving ...



Give thanks and entertainyour family and friends on; this festive occasion. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving lunch or dinner, with tender roast turkey, stuffing, gravy and all the festive trimmings at the Coffee Shop.

Turkey to go. Order your Thanksgiving stuffed turkey with all the seasonal trimmings for your home festivities.

For reservations, please call 696511.



Forte Grand Hotels also in Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (The Diplomat), Cairo, Casablanca, Dubai.

needed drugs. I was winning 3baths, 1 maids room, large living area air-conditioned. Now it's more within your reach: Second apartment 190 M2 consisting of 2 bedroom, "Those who deliberately Lunch: JD 8:00(+) JD 10:00(+) Fish JD 12:00(+) drug themselves for some ex-Location: Sweiyfiyah, behind Catholic Church, near Dinner: JD 8:00(++) JD 10:00(++) Fish JD 12:00(++) Olympia Hotel. Sweifiyeh - 86 39 44 Price: JD 150, 000,- both apartments. Please call: 615346 - 624110 cannot guarantee success. "You have to really believe

rise to stardom in a sport Turing New Voucher Plan notorious for abuse. "I never

PHILADELPHIA The film which won seven Oscars IN THE NAME OF

THE FATHER

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Tel.: 634144

Cinema

Ring of Steel

PLAZA

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

Tel.: 699238

Tel.: 677420 Cinema CONCORD CONCORD "1" Tom Hanks ... in

SPEED

Sleepless in Seattle Shows: 12:30, 3:50, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 CONCORD "2"

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30 Shows: 3:15, 5:00

Tel.: 618274 - 618275 AMMOUN THEATRE Presents

"Water is a Gift of Life" A family and children play produced and directed by:

Akram Abui Ragheb Daily at 10 a.m. The Arabic Movie The Immigrant

Tel: 675571 **Nabil Al Mashini Theatre**

Announces a temporary suspension of the performance

Qirbeh Makhzouqa "Punctured Bag" We will announce the resumption of the play in its new form later on.

AHLAN THEATRE Presents:

Tel.: 625155

Nabil & Hisham's

The political satire: Al Salam Ya Salam Daily at 8:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday is theatre's holiday.

UAE urges dialogue among Gulf states to end disputes

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Abu Dhabi's crown prince, in talks with the Russian prime minister on Tuesday, called for dialogue among Gulf states to guarantee stability in the oil-rich region, the official WAM news agency re-

Sheikh Khalifa Ben Zayed 'Al Nahayan and Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin also discussed the UAE's dispute with Iran over three strategic Gulf islands.

The crown prince called for "a new formula of coexistènce among regional states and establishment of understanding and a dialogue to boost confidence on the basis of mutual respect, cooperation and respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each country,"

He did not refer outright to Iran and Iraq but the UAE has been locked in an island dispute with Tehran for many years. Iraq had also long claimed neighbouring Kuwait until it recognised the emirate two weeks ago.

Russia played a key role in securing that recognition but the United Nations has stressed Iraq's implementation of other Gulf war resolutions as a pre-requisite for lifting its crippling sanctions on Bagh-

Mr. Chernomyrdin, accompanied by a large delegation, reassured the UAE leaders that Russia's mediation was intended to ensure "Iraq will implement all U.N. resolutions before the U.N. sanctions are removed," according to WAM.

At talks later with UAE Deputy Prime Minister

WASHINGTON (USIA) —

The American role in con-

cluding an Israeli-Syrian

peace agreement "is to do all

we can to enhance the pros-

pect" for achieving it and to

avo?J making statements that

"raise questions about

whether we're prepared to

administration official said

The official confirmed that

President Clinton, publicly

and privately, assured Israeli

Prime Minister Rabin that he

is prepared to seek congres-

sional approval to send

American troops to the

Golan Heights should such a

move be necessary to facili-

tate a peace treaty between

Damascus and Tel Aviv,

UfS. military and civilian per-

sonnel have been playing a

similar monitoring role in the

Sinai Desert as part of the

Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

-Mr. Rabin and Mr. Clinton

covered a range of bilateral

and Middle East peace issues

in a Nov. 21 meeting that

included 30 minutes of pri-

vate talk. Among other

things. they discussed ex-

pediting help to the embat-

tled Palestine Liberation

Organisation as it attempts to

make a success of its limited

self-rule mandate in Jericho

and the Gaza Strip, and U.S.

efforts to enhance Israeli

security, including a con-

timbed go-ahead for develop-

ment of the Arrow anti-

ballistic missile and export

licenses for two super compu-

Mr. Clinton told question-

Monday.

Sheikh Sultan Ben Zayed Al Nahayan, the Russian premier was briefed on the dispute with Iran over the tiny islands of Abu Musa and

Greater and Lesser Tunbs. WAM said Sheikh Sultan informed the Russians of the UAE's decision to seek international arbitration on the dispute after the collapse of direct negotiations with Iran in Abu Dhabi in 1992.

"The UAE presented its position to go the International Court of Justice to recover its full sovereignty on the islands through peaceful means. The Russian stand was very positive," the agen-

Mr. Chernomyrdin is the first Russian head of government to visit the Gulf and his trip has already resulted in the signing of economic and investment agreements with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Russia already has an economic pact with the UAE but they are expected to sign an investment accord soon.

The prime minister is also due to visit Oman, another member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), whose trade with Russia stood at around \$350 million

During the talks in the UAE, Mr. Chernomyrdin explained economic reforms and new investment opportunities in Russia, officials said.

The Russians have in recent months intensified their efforts to rebuild their influence in the Middle East that had waned with the collapse of communism and Mr. Chernomyrdin's tour was clearly designed to bolster Moscow standing in a region where it

approval for monitors in Golan

tor Jesse Helms opposing a

U.S. presence in the Golan

that it is premature to discuss

the matter because neither

side has made such a formal

proposal. But in what many

reporters took to be his fir-

mest statement of support for

the concept to date, the presi-

U.S. presence should that be

Sinai commitment, saying no

American "begrudges that

investment" in the Egyptian-

Israeli peace accord flowing

from the Camp David

accords. When the new Re-

publican majority organizes

the Senate in January, Helms

is slated to become chairman

of the Foreign Relations

ton's remarks in a photo

opportunity were not directly

think what he was getting

at," the official said, "is that

if there's a chance to go

ahead and conclude an agree-

ment" between Damascus

and Tel Aviv. "the American

role is to do all we can to

enhance the prospect and the

possibility of achieving such

an agreement. Those in this

country who are interested in

seeing peace should be care-

ful not to be making the kinds

of statements that might raise

questions about whether or

not we're prepared to prom-

ote and support such an

of possible use of U.S. troops

in the Gaza "was not much of

The official said the issue

addressed to Mr. Helms. "

The official and Mr. Clin-

Committee.

He cited approvingly the

a condition for peace.

Clinton ready to seek

promote and support such an dent said he would be pre-

agreement," a senior Clinton pared to make the case for a

was once shunned by the Gulf monarchies.

Mr. Chernomyrdin flew here from Kuwait, where he signed five agreements in various fields with the emirate which alone among the Gulf monarchies had relations with Moscow during the cold

Leading a high-level delegation of economic, energy and military officials, he started his tour in Saudi Arabia, where he also signed cooperation agreements and sought joint investment pro-

The Gulf market is dominated by Western firms, but Kuwait bought Russian BMP-3 armoured vehicles and multiple rocket launcher systems in August and is considering buying more.

Diplomats listed the Sukhoi-27 and MiG-29 jet warplanes and anti-aircraft missiles as items that Russia might try to sell the UAE and other Gulf states.

The relative cheapness of Russian arms may be an incentive as Gulf states look around for ways to cut government spending.

In Saudi Arabia, Mr. Chernomyrdin discussed investment and Russian debts, although the kingdom's finance minister denied on Monday Russian media reports that Saudi Arabia had agreed to reschedule debts run up by the Soviet Union.

Etisalat, the UAE's telecommunications company wants to have its own satellite in orbit in the next three to four years, and a feasibility study is due to be finished

discussion "because this is an

issue that depends on a much

broader agreement being

reached" between Israel and

Syria. But Mr. Rabin told

Mr. Clinton he has discussed

the possibility, in the context

of the Sinai precedent, when

Pressed to say if Mr. Clin-

ton assured Mr. Rabin "he

would be prepared to make

the case" for U.S. troops to

Congress "if a peace treaty

were to depend on disengage-

ment on the Golan moni-

tored by a force that would

include U.S. troops," the

not been time to gauge the

foreign reaction to another

Helms statement — that the

Middle East peace process is

a fraud. He said, as Mr.

Clinton had suggested ear-

lier, that the current process

which has resulted in agree-

ments with the PLO and with

Jordan had begun under a

Republican president as part

of the Madrid Conference

co-chaired by the United

States and the then-Soviet

Union. He said the response

to statements such as Helms'

is to stress Mr. Clinton's com-

mitment to the peace pro-

ways enjoyed strong biparti-

san support," the official

pointed out, "and we will

reemphasise that and the

president's commitment to

pursue it to the point that

finishes the job. There will be

no relaxation in terms of his

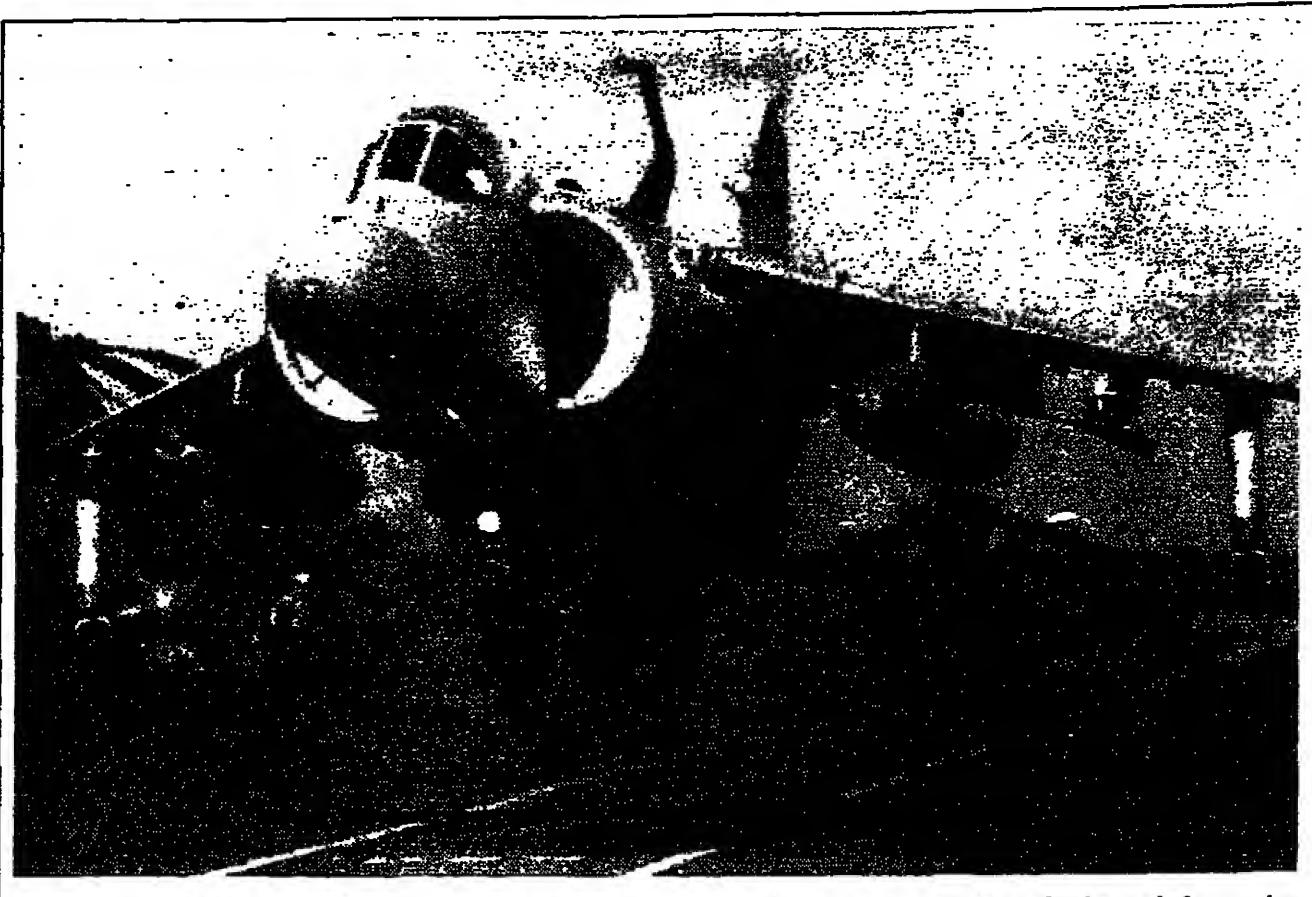
own commitment and, there-

"The peace process has al-

The official said there had

official replied, "yes."

addressing U.S. audiences.



SEA HARRIER FA2: A recent file photo showing a British Sea Harrier FA2 fighter plane aboard EMS Invincible, currently operating over Bosnia. The Royal Navy Sea

Harrier jump-jets narrowly escaped unharmed after coming under attack from Serb surface-to-air missiles Tuesday (See story on page 5) (AFP photo)

Menem says Israel Kuwait Islamists slam must return Golan

DAMASCUS (AP) — President Carlos Menem of Argentina says that Israel must surrender the occupied Golan Heights if there is to be a durable peace in the

Middle East. Mr. Menem, whose parents were Syrian Muslims, arrived in Damascus Monday on a three-day visit during which he will seek to persuade Syria to resume negotiations with Israel that have

been stalled since February. "The restoration of Israelioccupied Syrian land is a necessary step for the establishment of peace in the region and for the establishment of coexistence so that the countries of the region might live within internationally-recognised borders," Mr. Menem said

Monday night. Speaking at a banquet held in his honour by President Hafez Al Assad, Mr. Menem said: "The implementation of the relevant U.N. resolutions is indispensible for the establishment of just, comprehensive and durable peace in this

part of the world." Syria insists that the peace talks with Israel cannot progress until the Jewish state makes a commitment for a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Israel was offered a phased and partial withdrawal over several years. The Syrians have rejected that.

Mr. Assad, who held talks with Mr. Menem earlier Monday, reiterated that Syria was keen to achieve a peace settlement in the Middle East and blamed Israel for the lack of progress in the negotia-

"A just and comprehensive peace is our strategic option and if the peace process has not yet led to the hoped-for results, it's because of the obstacles placed by Israel in the way of this process and its running away from a commitment to the rules upon which the peace process is establ lished," Mr. Assad declared at the banquet.

"Our efforts to achieve the optimum level of economic and social development are combined with our struggle for achieving a just and comprehensive pece in the region, " Mr. Assad said.

peace process with Israel

KUWAIT (AP) — Islamic fundamentalist members of parliament Tuesday denounced the peace process with Israel as well as the Kuwaiti government for supporting it before consulting with the representatives of the people.

"It is a shameful, disgraceful and submissive crime, said Shiite Deputy Adnan Abdul Samad. "How can we forget the rivers of blood of our martyrs?"

He asserted that all agreements Arab countries have signed with Israel were "agreements with ruling regimes ... not with the people, most of whom are oppressed and cannot express their real

Khaled Al Adwa, an Islamic lawmaker and a mosque preacher, said the time had come for the government to consult with the legislature before announcing its position on such issues.

Islamic fundamentalists and their supporters hold 19 of the 50 seats in parliament. which was elected in October

Mr. Adwa criticised lnformation Minister Sheikh Saud Al Sabah for saying last week that it was only a matter of time before the Arabs ended their boycott of the Jewish state.

Sheikh Saud had said "the existence of Israel is a fact' and that Arab countries should make a decision about lifting the boycott "before one is imposed on them."

Kuwait and its partners in the Gulf Cooperation Council — Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman — have dropped the "secondary" boycott, under which countries blacklisted goods sold by non-Israeli companies those companies had activities in Israel.

But the six have said they will continue to prohibit direct dealings with Israel until it has resolved its disputes with its immediate Arab neighbours.

Mr. Abdul Samad said Israeli goods "have started to invade markets in Kuwait." and Kuwaiti merchants had workers removing "made in Israel" tags from them in special storage areas.

Fleiss attorneys try to prove entrapment

LOS ANGELES (R) —

Lawyers for Heidi Fleiss

sought Monday to prove that the so-called "Hollywood Madam" was entrapped by a police "sting" operation into providing four alleged prositutes for officers posing as Japanese businessmen. Ms. Fleiss, who is alleged to have run a high-priced prostitution ring catering to the rich and famous, had pleaded not guilty to four charges of pandering - recruiting women as prostitutes - and one count of possessing cocaine. She faces up to 11 in prison if convicted. Detective Sammy Lee, questioned by Defence Attorney Anthony Brooklier, said he had asked one of the women sent by Ms. Fleiss to a Beverly Hills hotel to provide cocaine and sex. As he started his defence of Ms. Fleiss. 28, the daughter of a wealthy Beverly Hills doctor, Mr. Brooklier played a lengthy videotape showing Mr. Lee with one of the women and then all four women with the undercover officers. Portions had been shown to the jury by the prosecution but Mr. Brooklier said he wanted the panel to watch the whole tape so it could see how his client had been entrapped. The jury earlier in the case heard from 23-year-old Samantha Burdette, who admitted she was a prostitute and said her prices for a "date" varied from \$1,000 to \$10,000, and Kimberly Burch, who said she had never been paid for sex before. Both women, who were granted immunity from prosecution in return for their testimony, said they had been paid \$1,500 by the undercover officers. Other officers burst into the hotel room and arrested them before any sex took place, they said.

\$ \$ 11.5

\$ Fu.

Section.

AWOL .

RICK I.

ly Mar

14.7%;=:

dell's Se

800 1- .

34.47 -

<u>ائية</u> ا

3. . . .

Gymnast: I was forced to become pregnant

BONN (AFP) — One-time Russian gymnast Olga Kovalenko accused her former trainers here Monday of forcing her to become pregnant and then have an abortion as an alternative to taking performance-enhancing drugs. Kovalenko who took part in the 1968 Olympics, said in an interview on German television: "The doctors told us that the body of a pregnant woman produced more male hormones and could therefore become stronger." Kovalenko. 44. broke down as she revealed she became pregnant by her boyfriend and then had an abortion after ten weeks. She added she would not have been allowed to take part in the Games if she had refused.

British teenager in hoax lottery win claim

LONDON (R) — An unemployed teenager who claimed to have won a share of Britain's first National Lottery jackpot has admitted he played a hoax, newspaper reported Tuesday. The Today and Sun tabloids quoted Mark Wright, 18, from Liverpool in northern England, as saying he made the claim to publicise his concern about the lottery's effect on charities. "I am worried about the effects the lottery will have on donations to charity and also on jobs in the pools industry." said Wright, "I am glad I got my message across." Some of the lottery's proceeds are intended for charities but a number of organisations have expressed concern that some people will buy lottery tickets with money they would otherwise have given to charity.

Judge throws out paternity suit against Jackson

MODESTO, California (R) - A judge Monday threw out a lawsuit alleging pop superstar Michael Jackson was the father of a 10-yearold boy, and ordered the boy's mother to get special permission before filing any more paternity suits. Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Glenn Ritchey dismissed the suit, which sought \$20 million a year and a house. and issued a finding that Jackson is not the father of James Hall. Blood tests showing that another man is the true father would have made a trial pointless.

NEWS IN BRIEF

French TV film sparks protests

PARIS (AFP) — A row erupted Tuesday over a French television programme which retouched pictures of three Muslim youths, adding beards and moustaches in an apparent attempt to make them look like Muslim extremists. The programme's producer admitted the pictures were clearly manipulated and apologised, but the three men involved have made a formal protest and are demanding compensation, saying they do not even practise Isalm. The weekly programme "Marche du Siecle' shown on the state-run France-3 TV channel, originally used pictures of the three men last year in a report on inner-city problems. Then last month the programme ran a report on French Muslims — and used the same picture to illustrate a section on their attitudes to Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). The new picture, published by the daily Le Parisien alongside the orginal Tuesday, was, however, retouched with beards and moustaches added, to make them look like extremists. "We looked just like Islamic militants. I was disgusted," Hamid, one of the three men from the northern city of Lille, told the newspaper. "I have family in Algeria... people there have satellite dishes and a lot of them watched this programme — I don't know what could happen... we don't have any link whatever with the FIS," said another, Rahlem.

Floods leave 30 dead in Djibouti

DJIBOUTI (AFP) — Floods have claimed at least 30 lives over the past 24 hours in floods in Djibouti where a big rescue operation spearheaded by French forces is underway, local officials and French military sources said Triesday. The toll could go higher as several people are still unaccounted for and more rain was forecast for Tuesday. Twenty people drowned in the worse-affected areas of Ali-Sabieh and Dikhil in the south of the small Horn of Africa country and another 10 people were swept away in the capital by the swollen Ambouli River, the Interior Ministry said. A large number of Somali refugees are housed in camps in southern Djibouti. French military sources said French troops, who are based in this former French colony, had rescued nearly 600 people stranded by the rising waters. About 100 were winched to safety by helicopter while 470 others were picked up either by helicopters which found a dry place to land or by dinghy.

Police guard killed in southern Egypt

CAIRO (AP) — The body of a police guard who had been shot death was found Tuesday floating in a canal near the southern Egyptian town of Mallawi, the Interior Ministry said. It was not immediately clear if the guard, Mikhail Farag, was killed by Islamic extremists. Farag, a Coptic Christian, was the security man found dead in the area this week. On Sunday, the body of a policeman was found with a fatal gunshot wound. The area is a stronghold for Muslim fundamentalist groups that have been blamed for a 21/2 year campaign of violence aimed at overthrowing Egypt's secular government and replacing it with Islamic rule. Tuesday's death raised to 12 the number of people killed in the Mallawi area since the start of this month. Mallawi is 260 kilometres south of Cairo.

Iran repatriates 2,000 Kurdish refugees

TEHRAN (AFP) - More than 2,000 Iraqi Kurds have left here for home since September, under a voluntary repatriation program arranged by Iran and the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the agency said here Tuesday. The programme, aimed at returning most of the up to 60,000 Iraqi Kurds currently living in Iran, was due to have been launched last spring, but it was delayed due to the fighting among rival Kurdish factions in northern Iraq. The repatriation process, however, will come to a halt until next spring as the movement of refugees would be difficult during the winter in mountainous regions of Iraqi Kurdistan, according to UNHCR.

Turkey receives \$120m in U.S. grants

ANKARA (R) — Turkey and the United States signed an agreement on Tuesday for the transfer of a \$120 million grant to ease Ankara's losses incurred by four years of U.N. trade sanctions on Baghdad. "The economic support fund grant is a part of the almost \$3 billion in assistance which the U.S. has provided to Turkey since 1990 when U.N. sanctions on Iraq were put in place," U.S. Ambassador Richard Barkley told the signing ceremony. Mr. Barkley said the grant would help Turkey offset its losses from the sanctions on Iraq, Turkey's second biggest trading partner and top oil supplier before the Gulf crisis broke out in August 1990. Turkey backed the U.S.-led coalition forces against Iraq, shutting a major Iraqi export oi pipeline and allowing Western military forces to use bases on its territory to hit Iraq. Turkey, which supports the easing of sanctions on Iraq, claims its losses through the bans have exceeded \$20 billion.

UAE court confirms jail term for 6 Indians

DUBAI (R) - Six Indian nationals who staged : play in which ants were depicted eating the bodies of the prophet Mohammad and Jesus Christ have lost an appeal of their blasphemy conviction in a United Arab Emirates (UAE) court. The English-language Khaleej Times said on Tuesday the appeals court in the emirate of Sharjah confirmed the sentence of the six defendants to six years in jail each and ordered the destruction of a videotape of the controversial play. The UAE laws forbid anyone taking part in or supporting anything derogatory to religion. The six were among 11 Indian men convicted of blasphemy in 1992 by a court in Sharjah where the play was staged. They were later set free on appeal by the Sharjah appeals court in 1993 but have since been retired. The amateur play, called "Corpse-Eating Ants" and performed in the southern Indian Malayalam language, also depicted ants eating the body of Karl Marx, the father of communism. None of the six defendants were present "as they had apparently left the country after their passports were returned to them by court authorities," the newspaper added.

Turks charge German, free another over Kurds

ISTANBUL (AFP) — Turkish authorities have charged a German man with abetting Kurdish separatists but have released a German woman arrested with him, Anatolia news agency reported Tuesday. Andreas Landwehe, 32 was charged Monday night by the Istanbul state security court with "collaborating" with the separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK). Karen Braun, 28 was released on bail. The two Germans were detained on Nov. 12 at Kapikule on the Bulgarian border. A PKK activist to whom the two Germans allegedly gave a satellite telephone was also under arrest, officials said. Police said PKK propaganda in the form of video and audio cassettes destined in PKK members in Germany had been found hidden in the Germans' car.

a topic" in the Clinton-Rabin (Continued on page 3) ers on the comments of Sena-Lebanon parade marks independence

agreement."

BEIRUT (AP) — Dozens of tanks and armoured personnel carriers paraded through central Beirut Tuesday in the shadow of civil war devastation to mark Lebanon's 51st anniversary of independence from France.

President Elias Hrawi took the salute from a redcarpeted review stand below shell-pocked high-rise buildings that once served as snipet nests for warring Muslims and Christians during the 1975-90 civil war.

He was flanked by Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri. Army Commander General Emile Lahoud. wearing a blue naval admiral's uniform, saluted from a podium at the opposite side of the boulevard.

The columns of U.S.-made M-48 tanks and M-113 armoured personnel carriers rumbled across the mid-city museum boulevard, scene of some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

The ceremonies began with the release of scores of white doves to symbolise the peace that has held since October 1990, despite periodic bomb-

ings and assassinations. Most of the doves fluttered over the parade, but six sat in the middle of the parade route throughout the .75minute event unruffled by the roar of armour near.

Tokens units of the army's 12 brigades and six newly formed rapid intervention battalions marched past the review stands behind truckmounted 40-barrelled rocket launchers and howitzers.

Unlike other independence day parades since the end of the war, the four aging Hawker Hunter jet fighters that make up Lebanon's air force did not stage a flypast Tuesday. There was no explanatin for their absence.

On Monday, Mr. Hrawi said Lebanon was committed to peace talks with Israel, but reiterated that he would not sign a separate treaty before Syria does.

"We shall strive shoulder to shoulder with Syria to

icacii a just and comprehensive peace based on land for peace," Mr. Hrawi said in a

nationally televised speech. He stressed that the Beirut government will accept nothing short of a complete Israeli withdrawal from a border enclave it occupies in South Lebanon.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has been excluding Lebanon from his numerous Middle East shuttles to push forward the peace negotiations, since a breakthrough in the Syrian-Israeli talks would automatically lead to Lebanon's ac-

quiescence. Syria has 40,000 troops stationed in Lebanon as peacekeepers to prevent the civil war reigniting.

Israel occupies 1,100 square kilometres of South Lebanon as a "security

Mr. Hrawi has said he was

ready to send 30,000 of the army's 50,000 troops to the south to prevent any raids on northern Israel if Israel with-